TURN UP
FOR JEREMY

I REMEMBER...

THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU.

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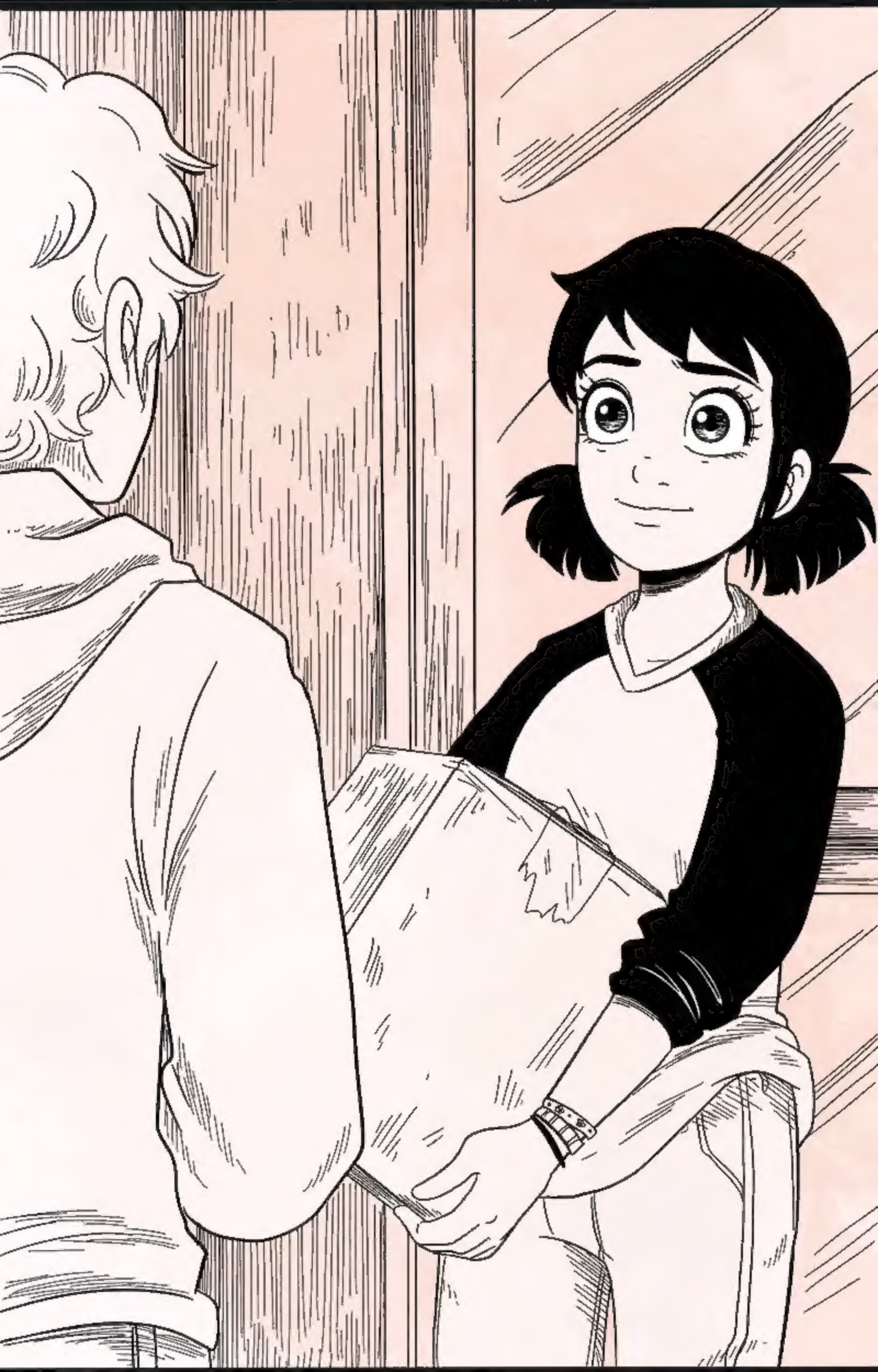
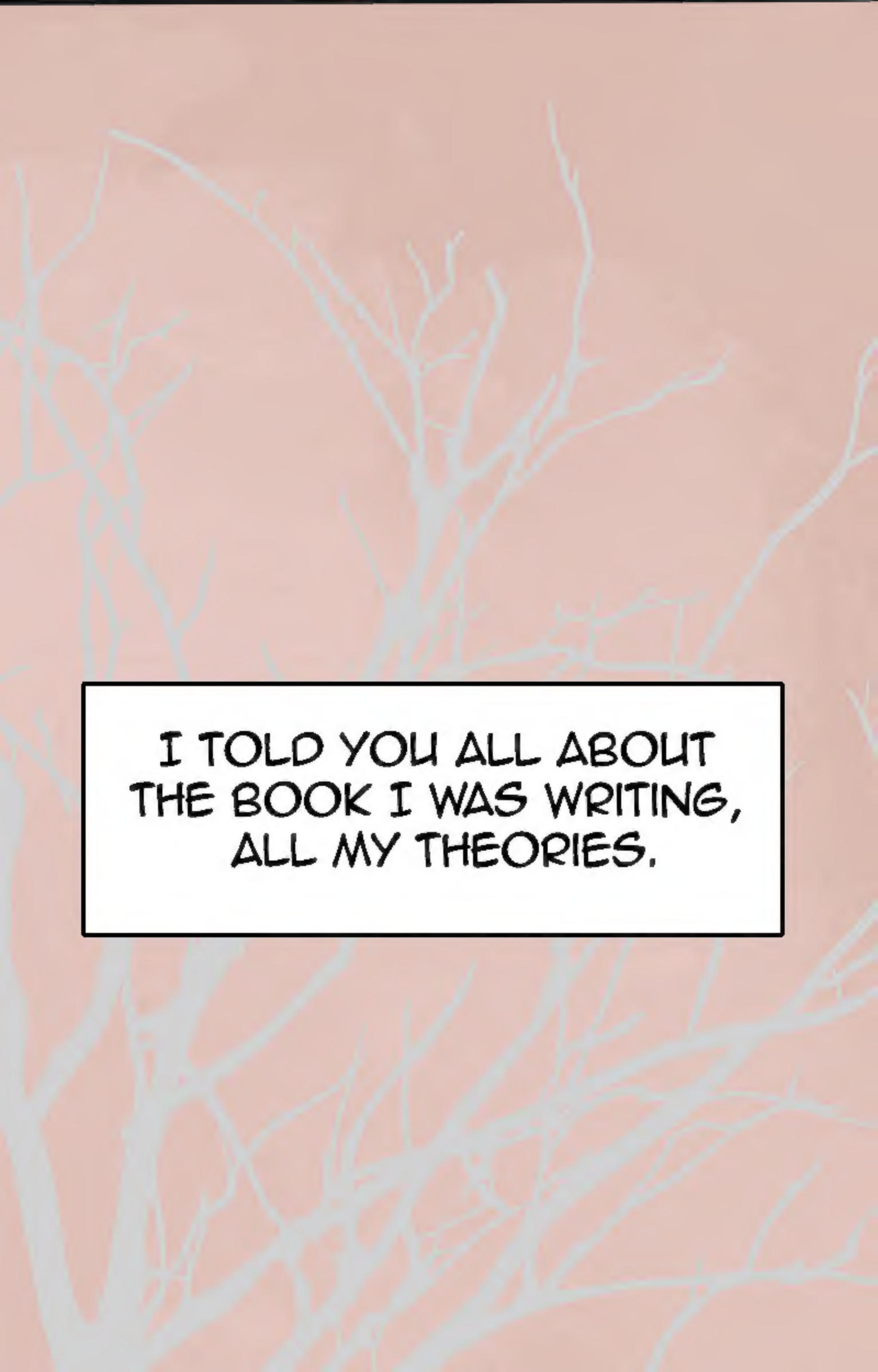
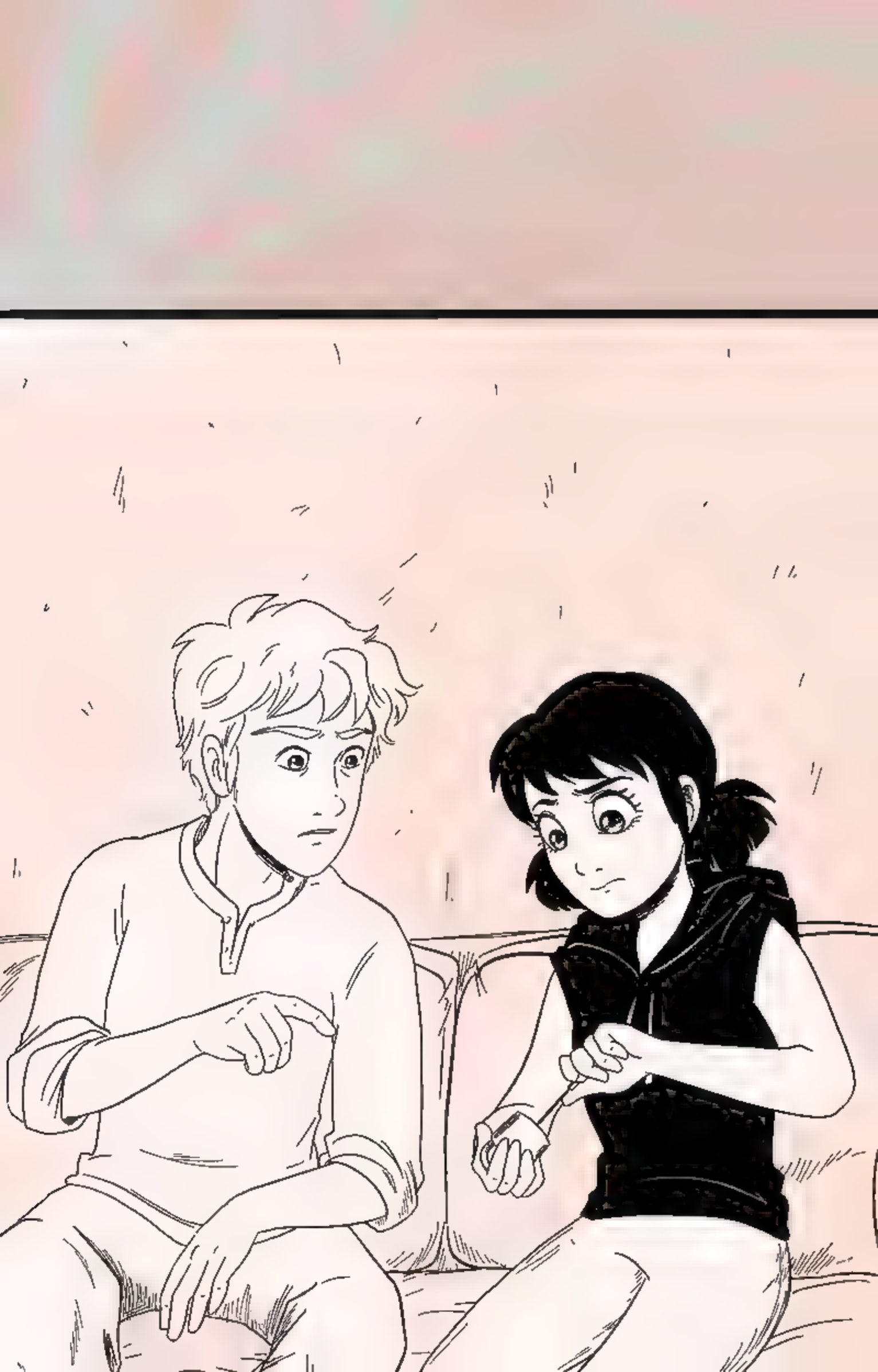
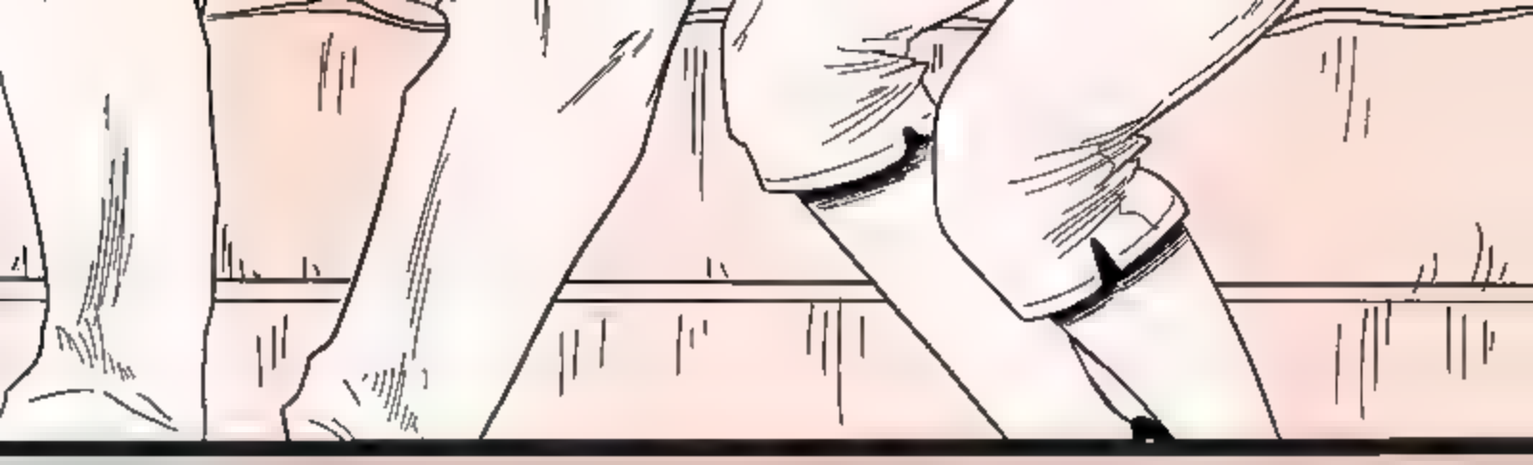
remember

YOU'D JUST MOVED INTO MY BUILDING, AND WE GOT TO TALKING.



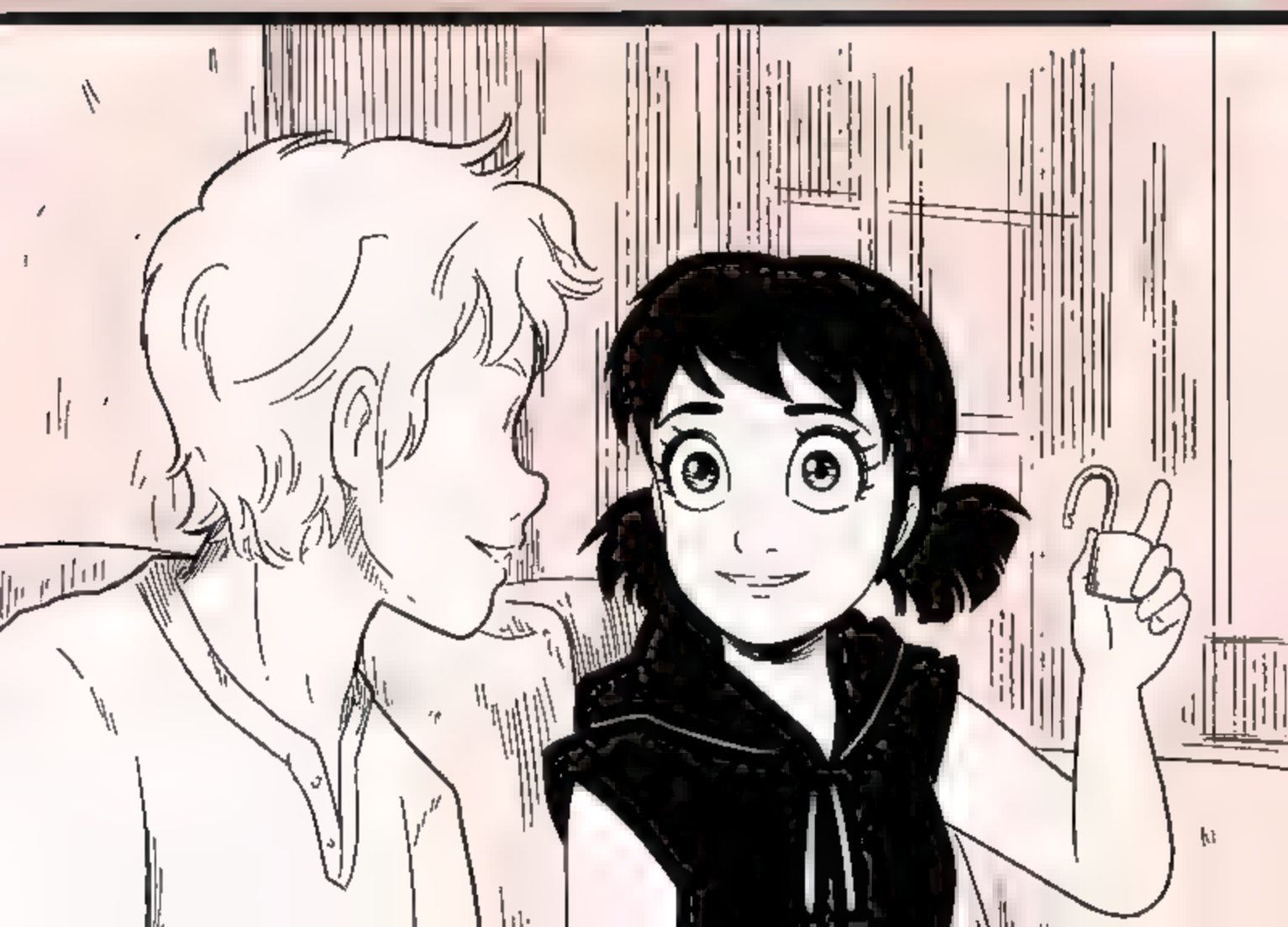

I TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT THE BOOK I WAS WRITING, ALL MY THEORIES.





TURNS OUT WE HAD A LOT OF THE SAME HOBBIES...LIKE LOCKPICKING.

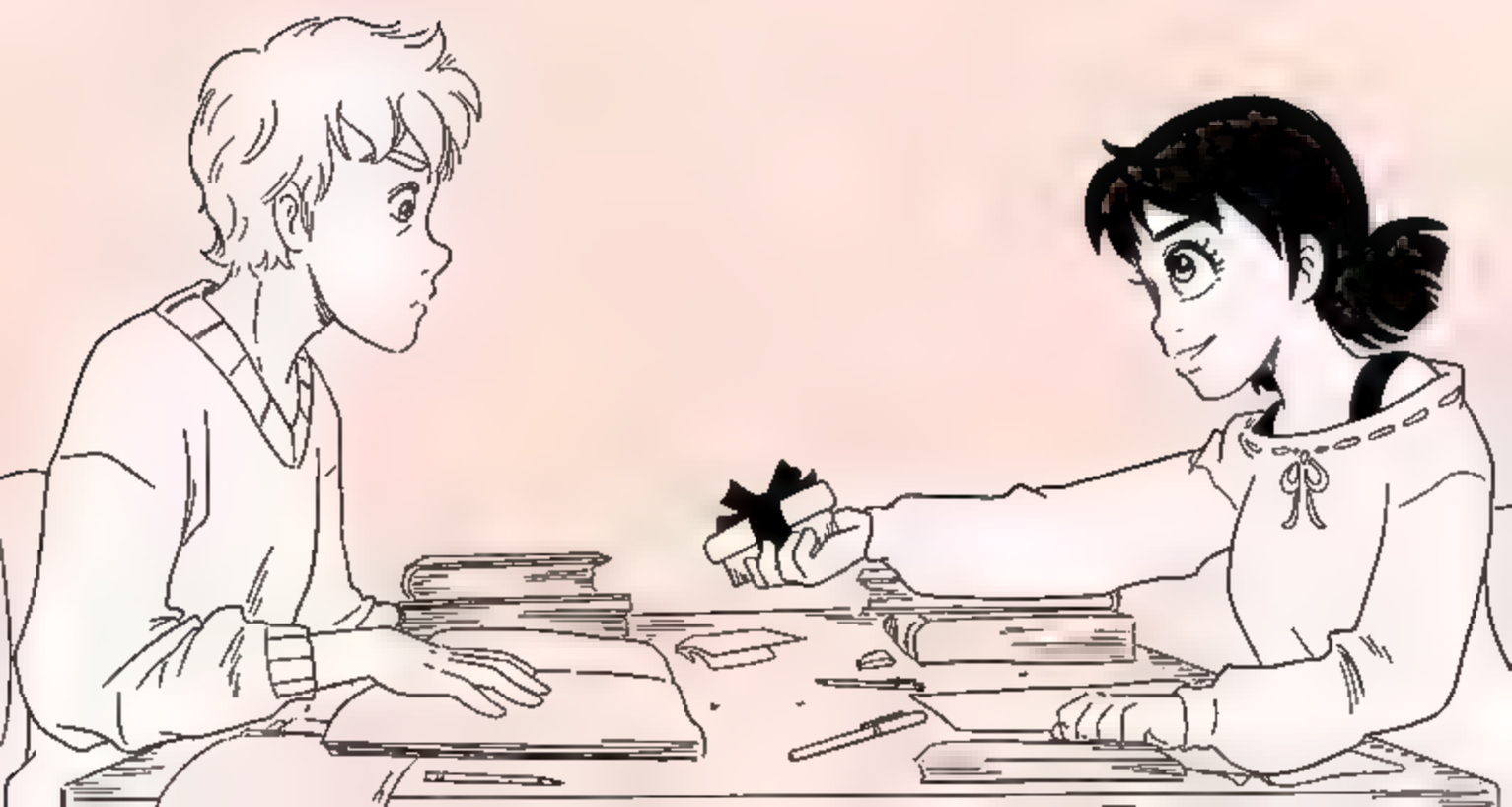
YOU WERE ALWAYS WAY BETTER AT LOCKS THAN I WAS.



WE'D GO EXPLORING IN THE WOODS TOGETHER SOMETIMES.

YOU ALWAYS LISTENED TO MY IDEAS, AND YOU NEVER LAUGHED AT THEM. EVEN IF THEY MADE...

...WELL, A LOT LESS SENSE TO YOU THAN THEY DID TO ME.



WHEN YOU WERE AROUND, I JUST FELT CALMER. LIKE I COULD SLOW DOWN.

I FELT LIKE SOMEONE
REALLY UNDERSTOOD ME

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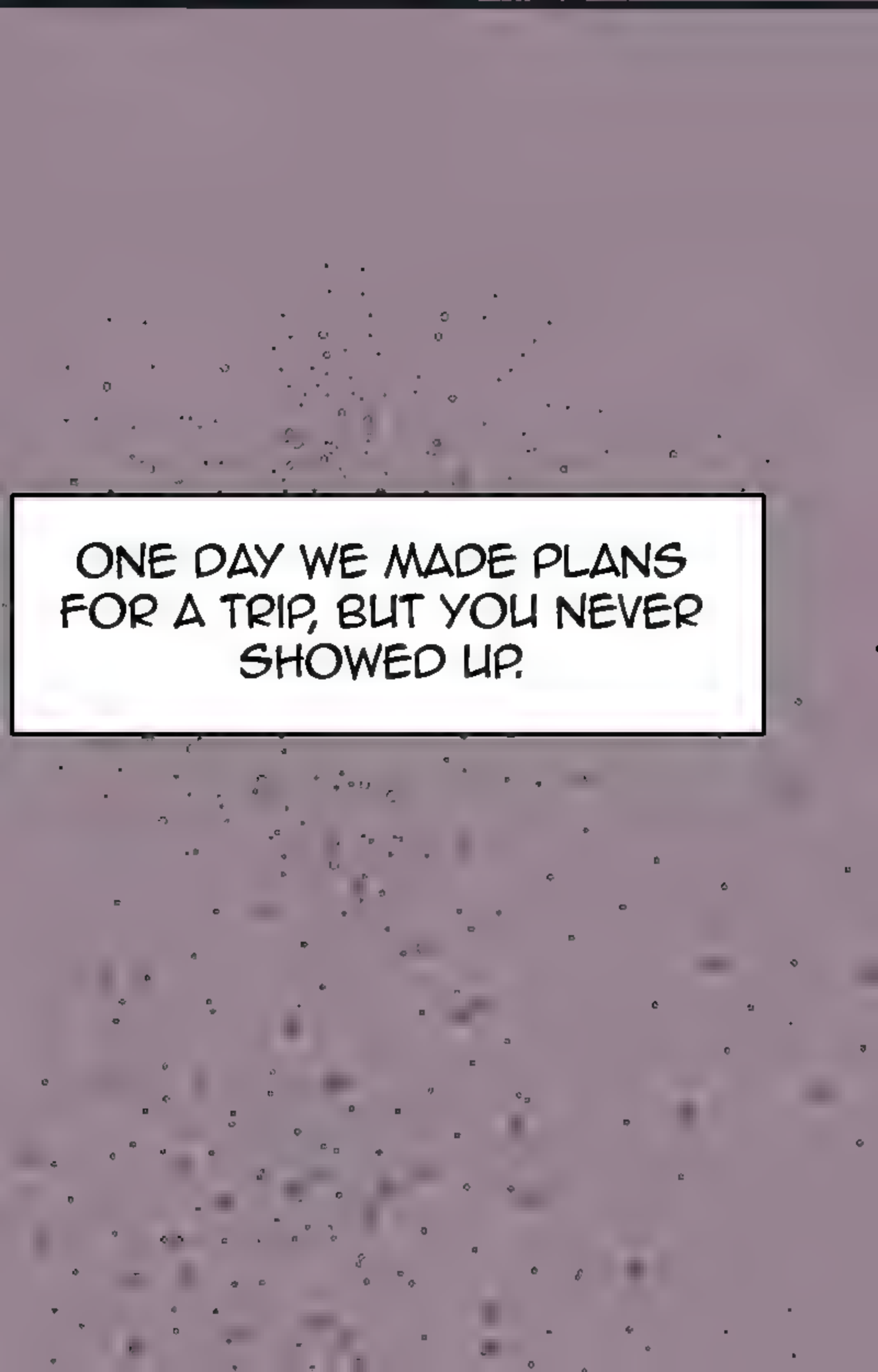
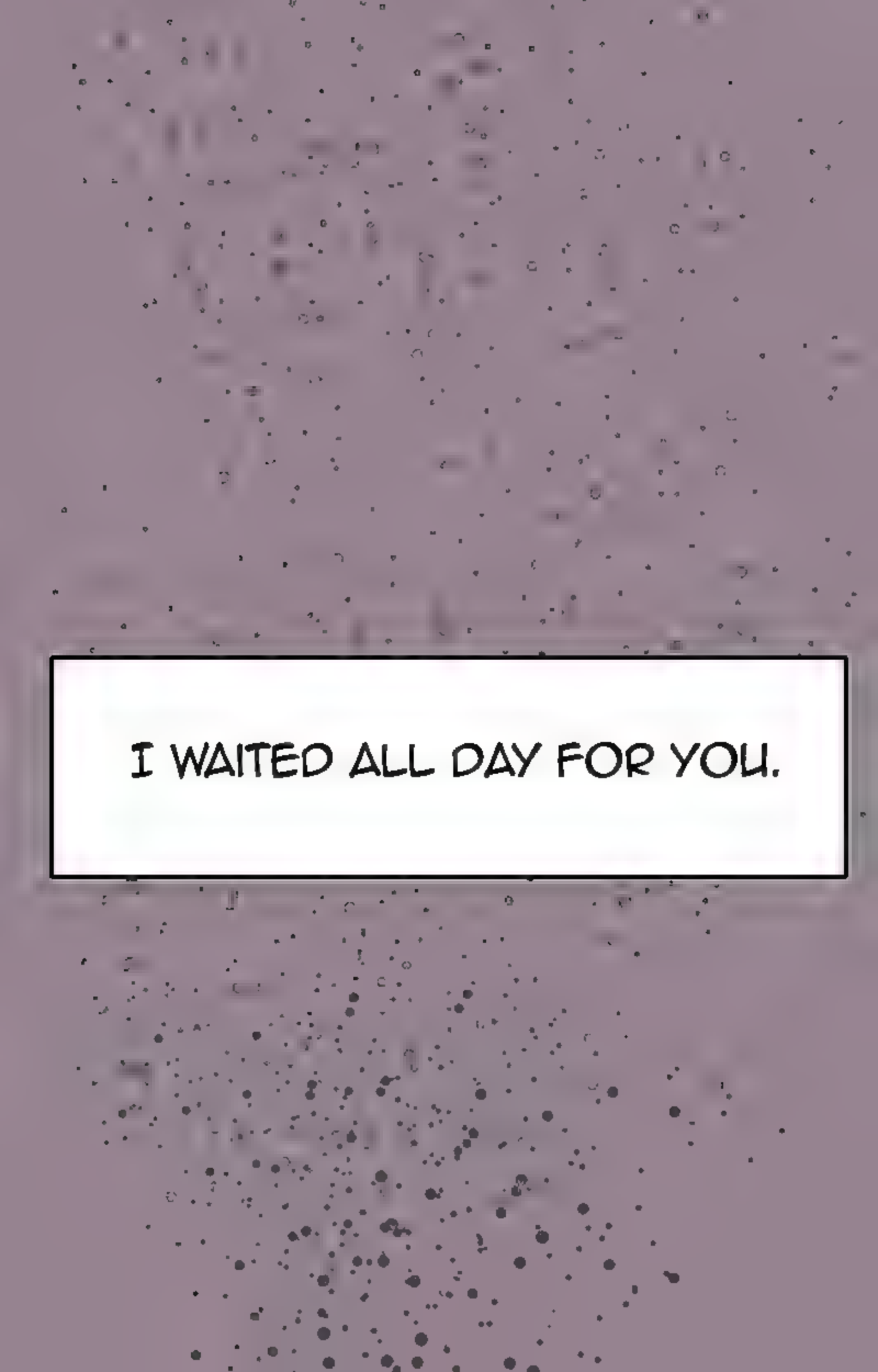
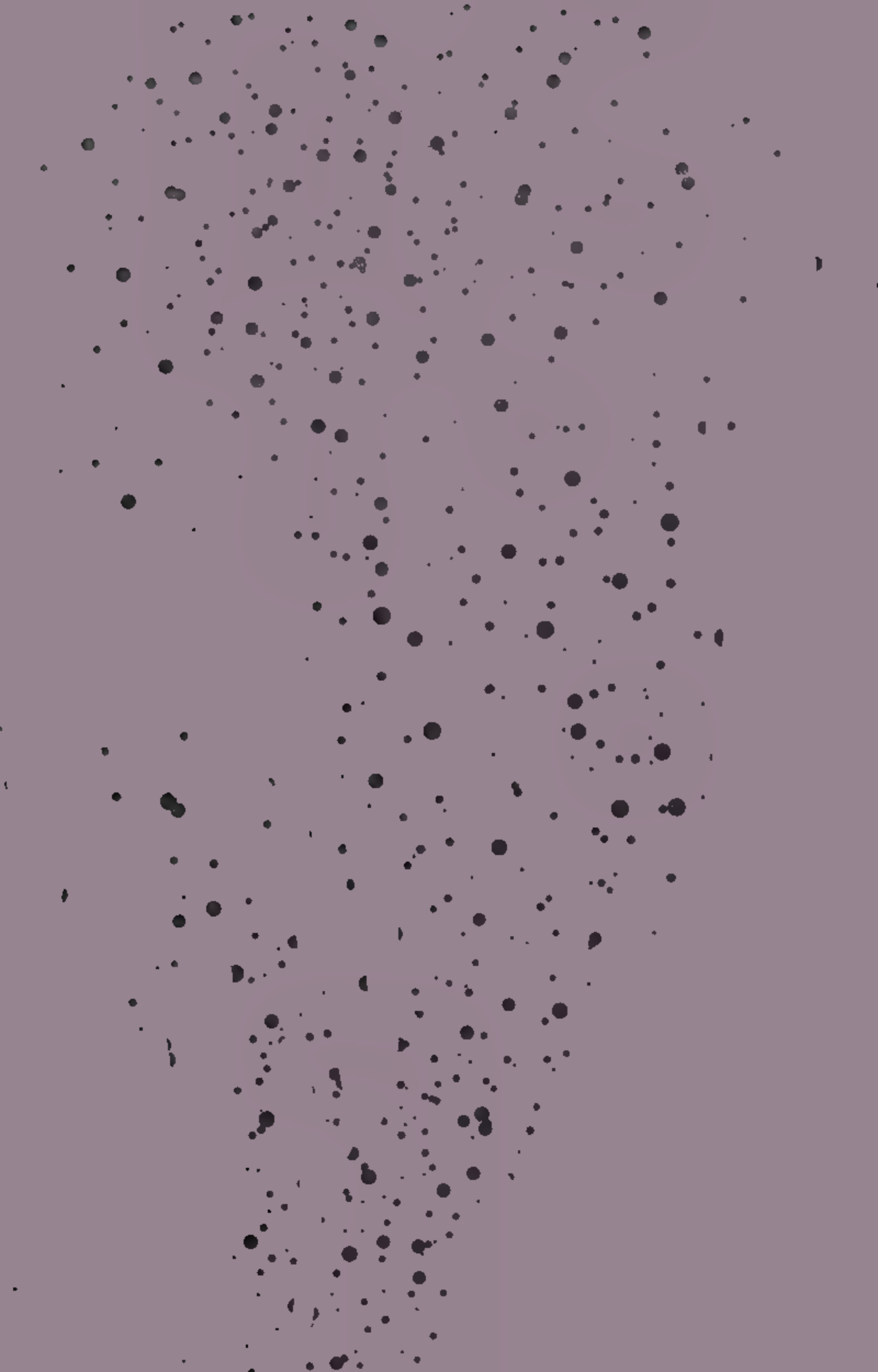
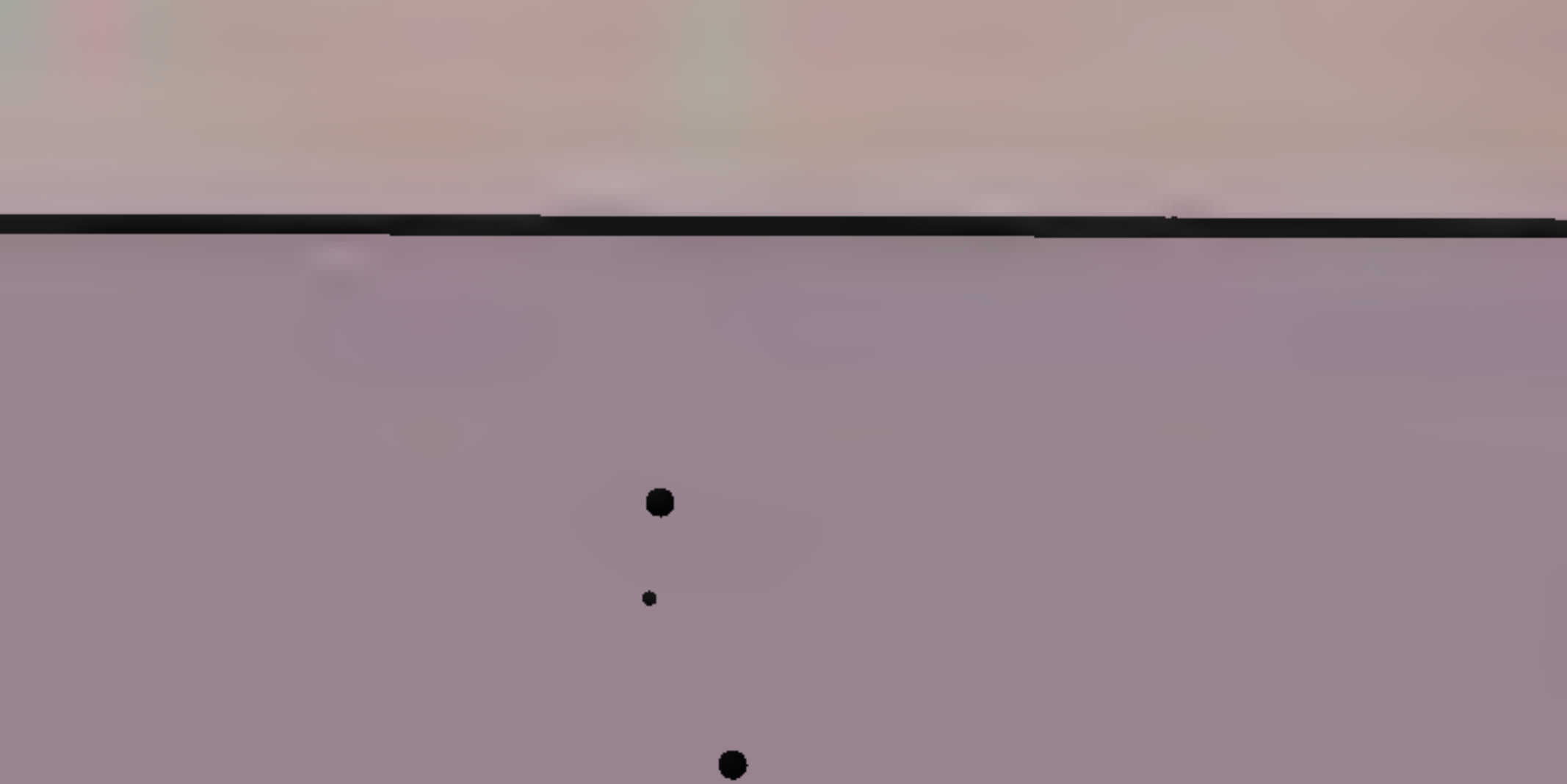

ONE DAY WE MADE PLANS FOR A TRIP, BUT YOU NEVER SHOWED UP.

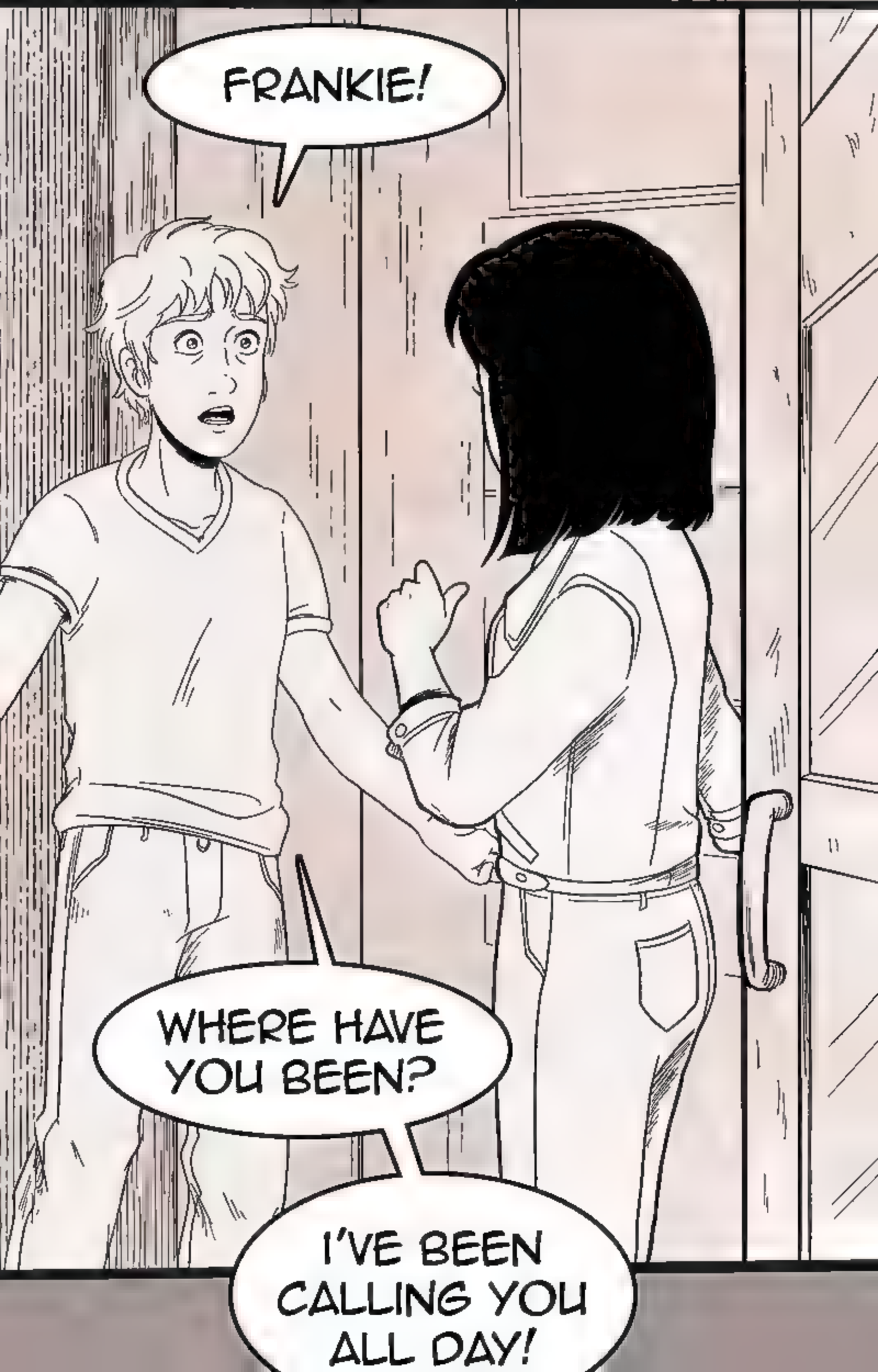

I WAITED ALL DAY FOR YOU.

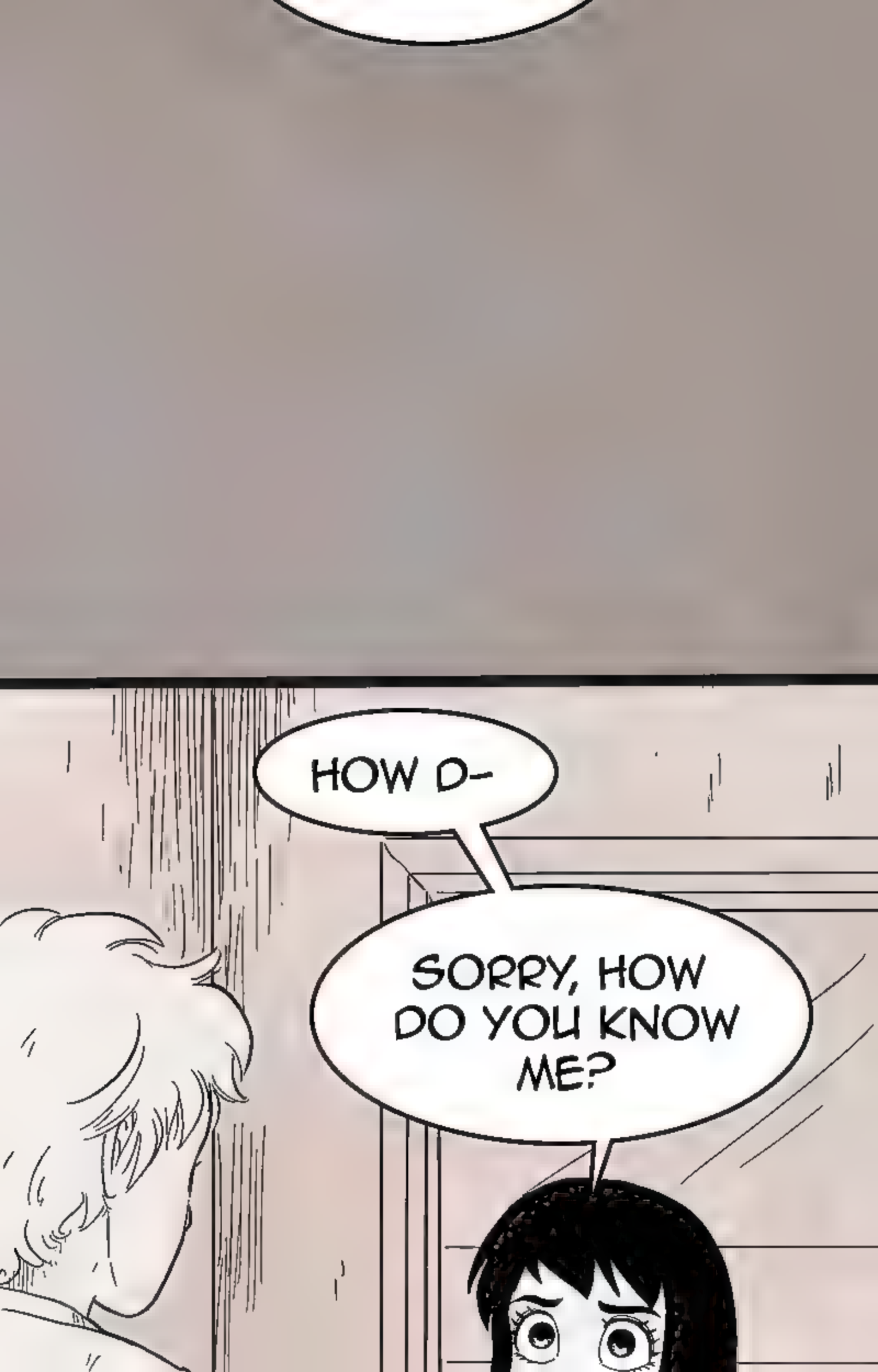
AND WHEN YOU FINALLY DID COME HOME...

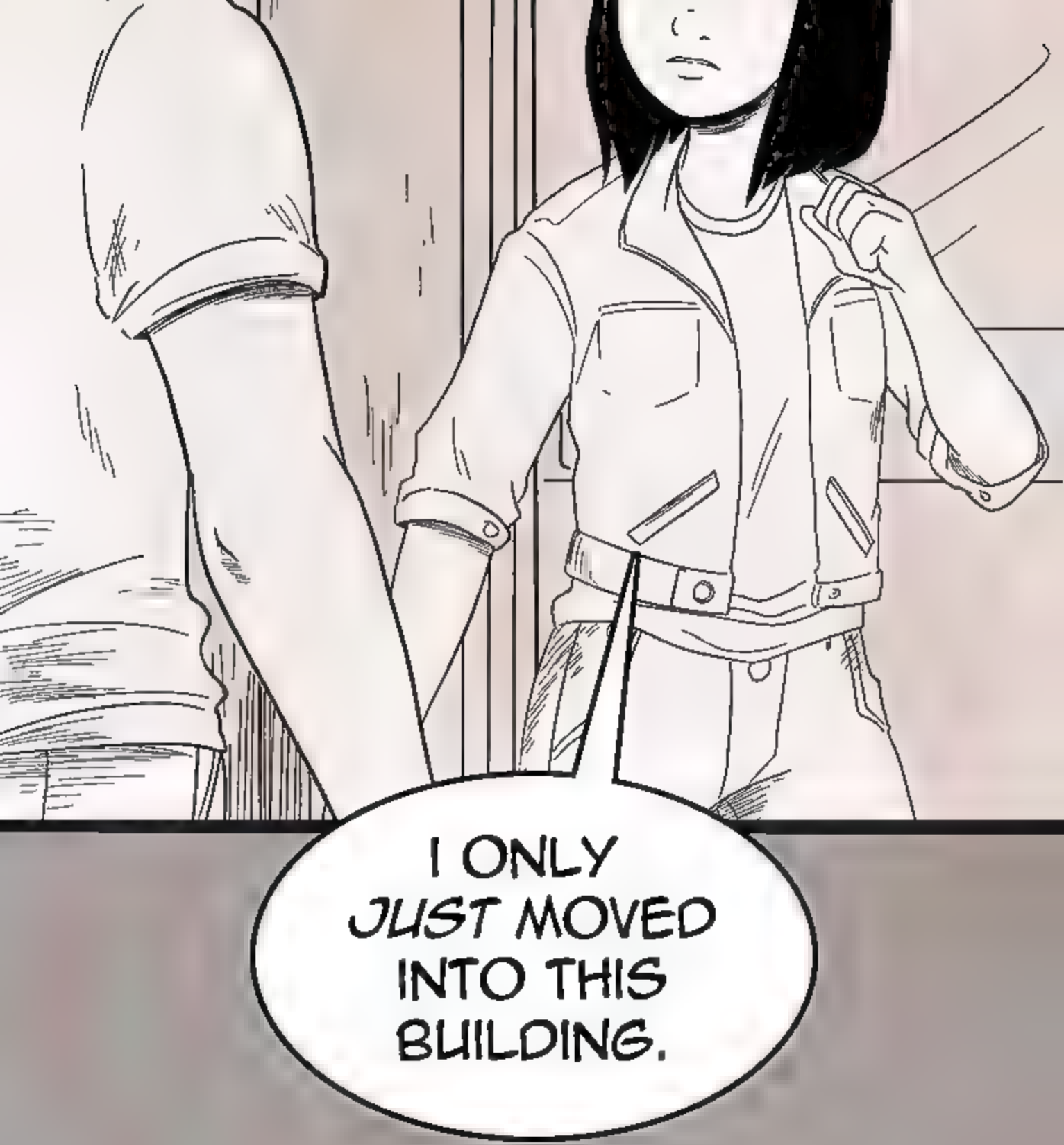


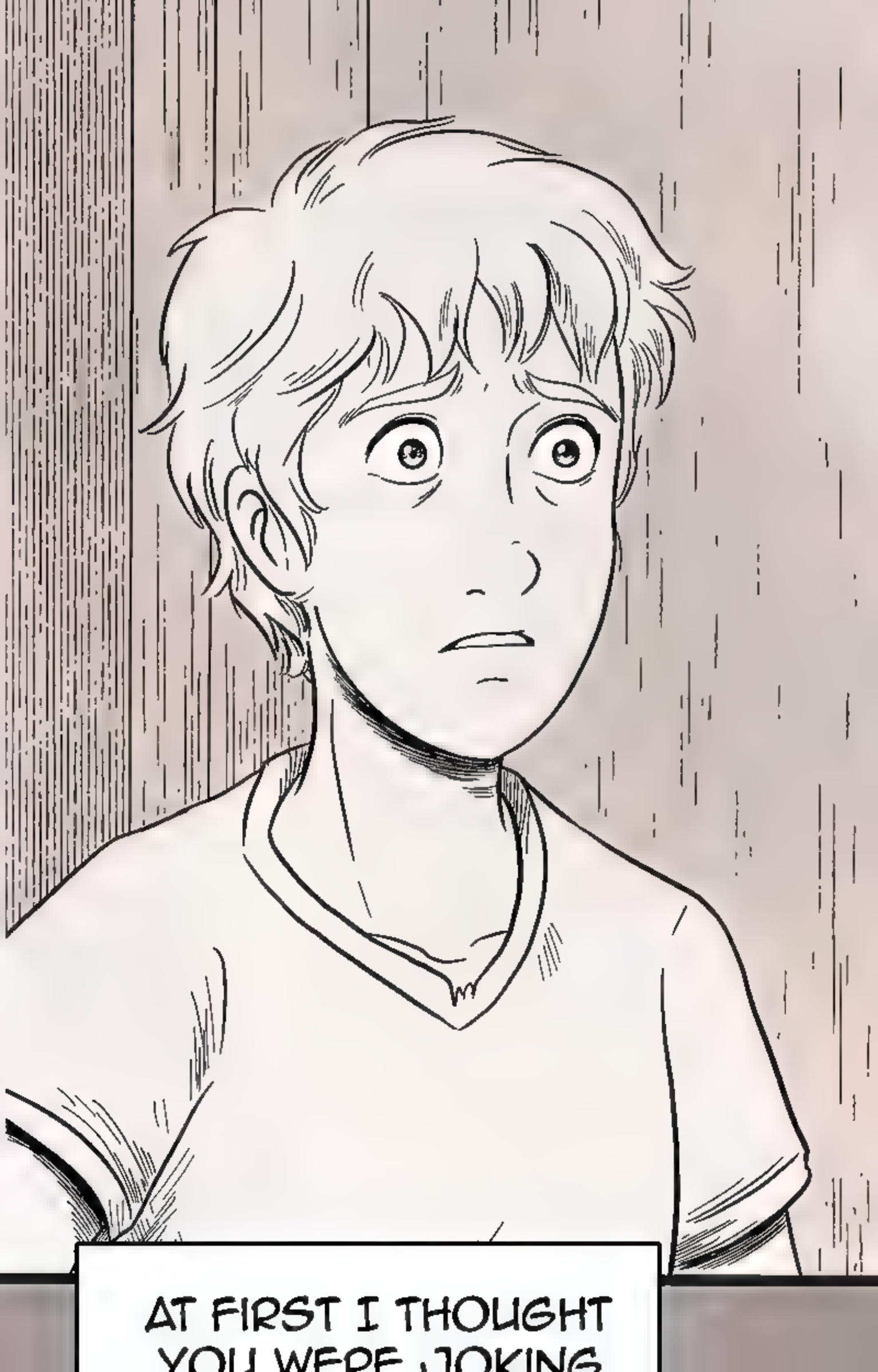
YOU WERE DIFFERENT.




FRANKIE!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU ALL DAY!


HOW D-
SORRY, HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?


I ONLY JUST MOVED INTO THIS BUILDING.


AT FIRST I THOUGHT
YOU WERE JOKING

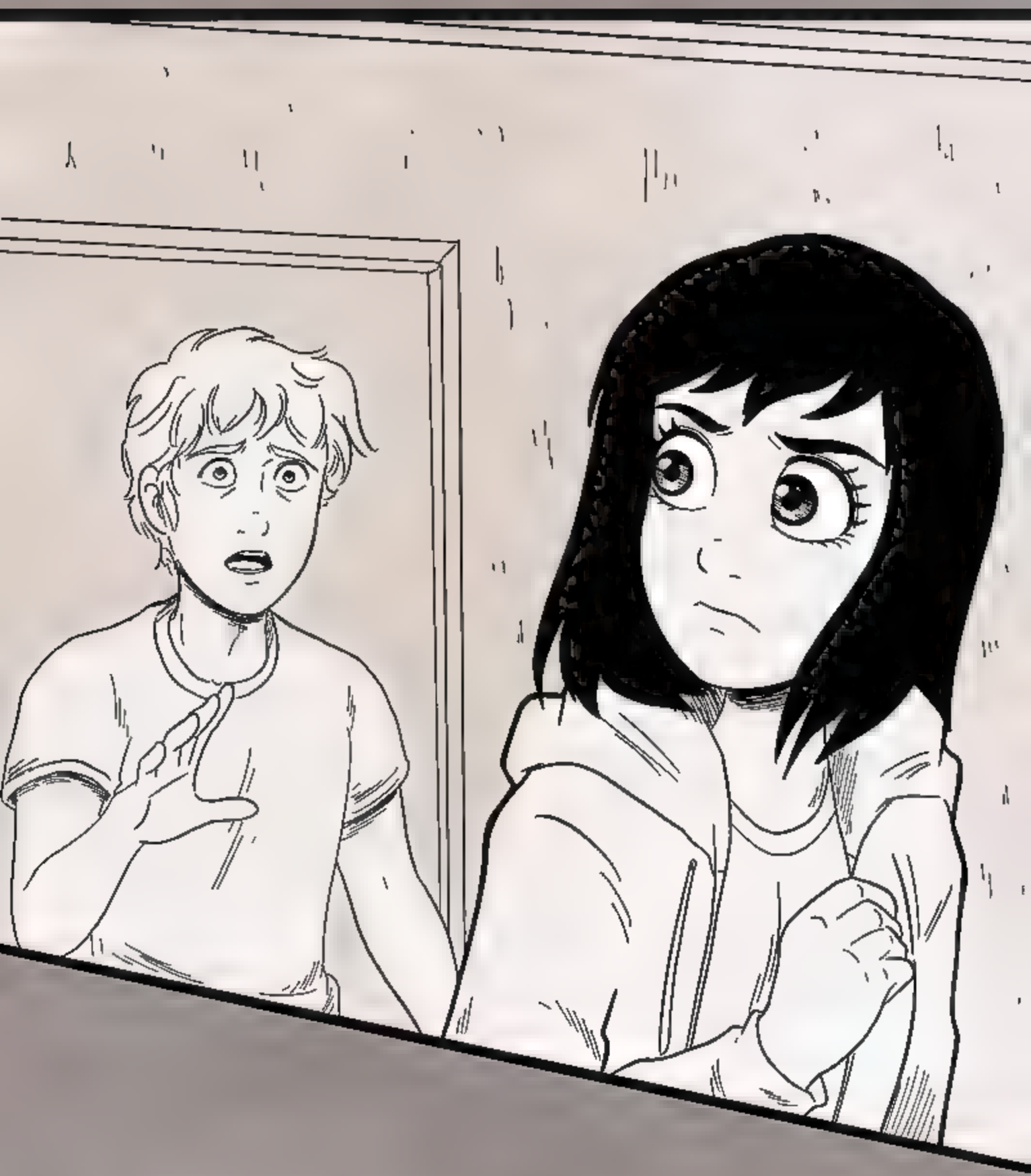
YOU WERE LYING.

BUT YOU KEPT INSISTING THAT I WAS WRONG, THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ME.

AND I REALIZED SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.

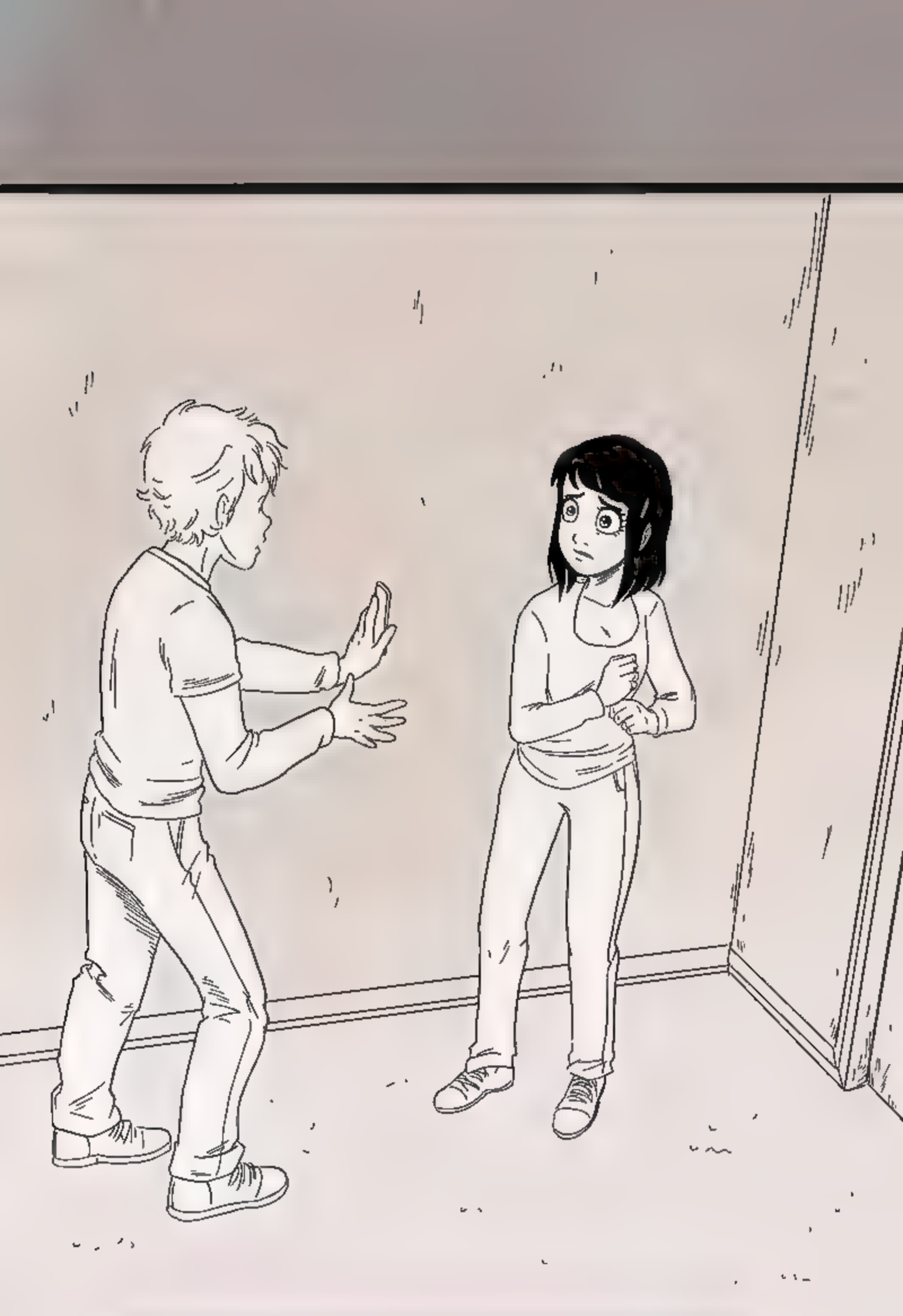
I TRIED SHOWING YOU MY NOTES, MY RESEARCH...

ANYTHING TO JOG YOUR MEMORY.



ALL IT DID WAS MAKE YOU AVOID ME AFTER THAT.

AND I DON'T BLAME YOU.

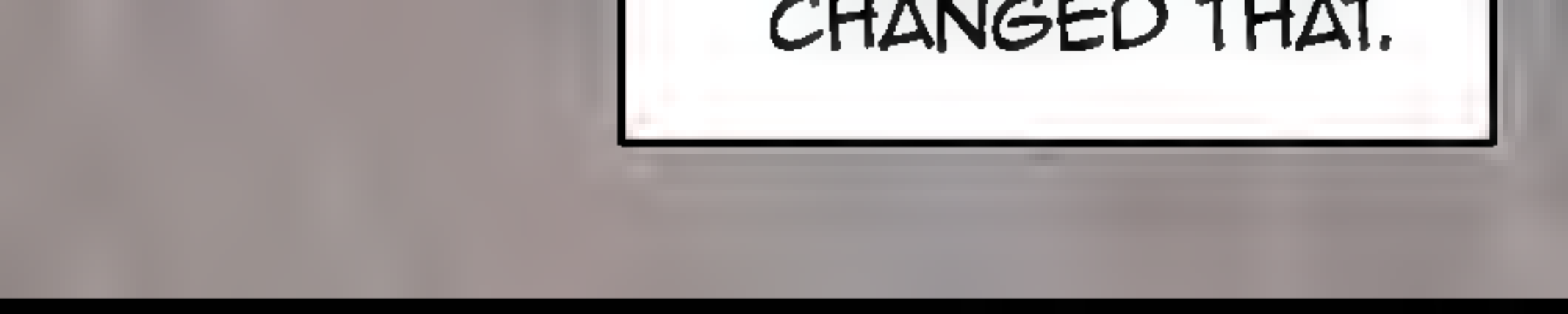

I GOT DESPERATE, AND

CORNERED YOU WITH PHOTOS WE'D TAKEN...

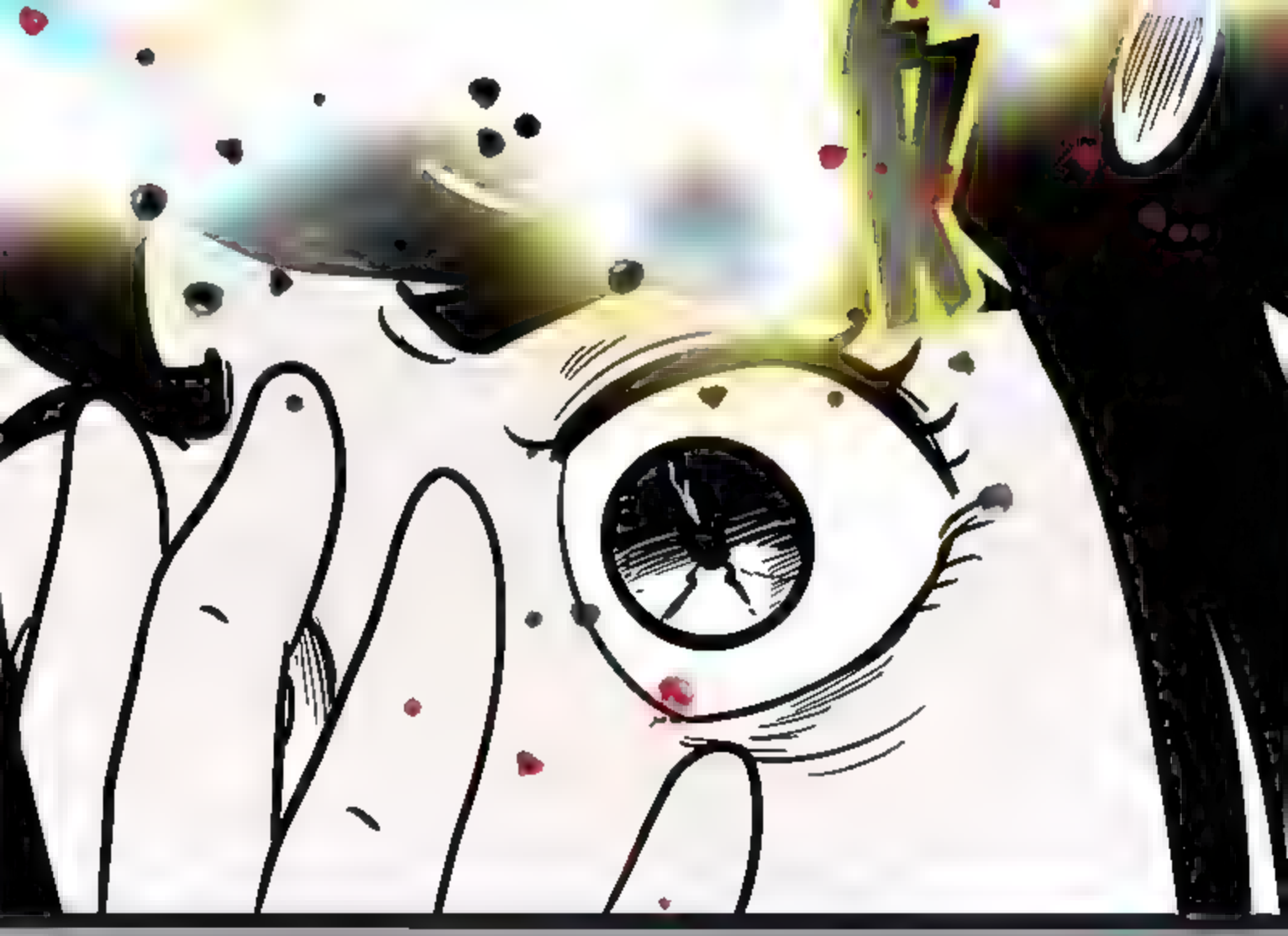
EVIDENCE THAT I'D KNOWN YOU FOR A *WHILE* NOW.

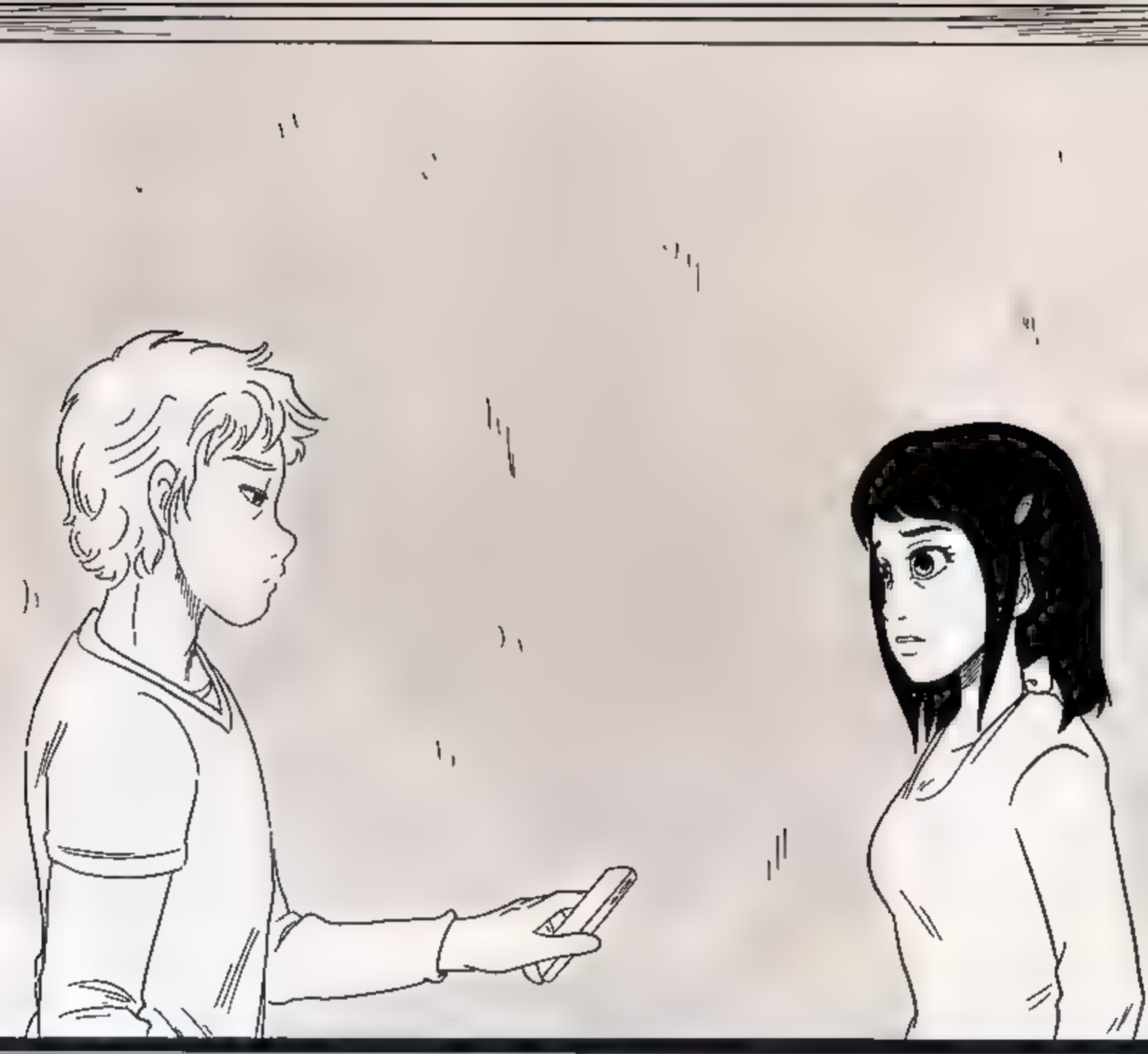
YOU ALMOST SEEMED LIKE YOU BELIEVED.

BUT THEN...*THEY*


CHANGED THAT.

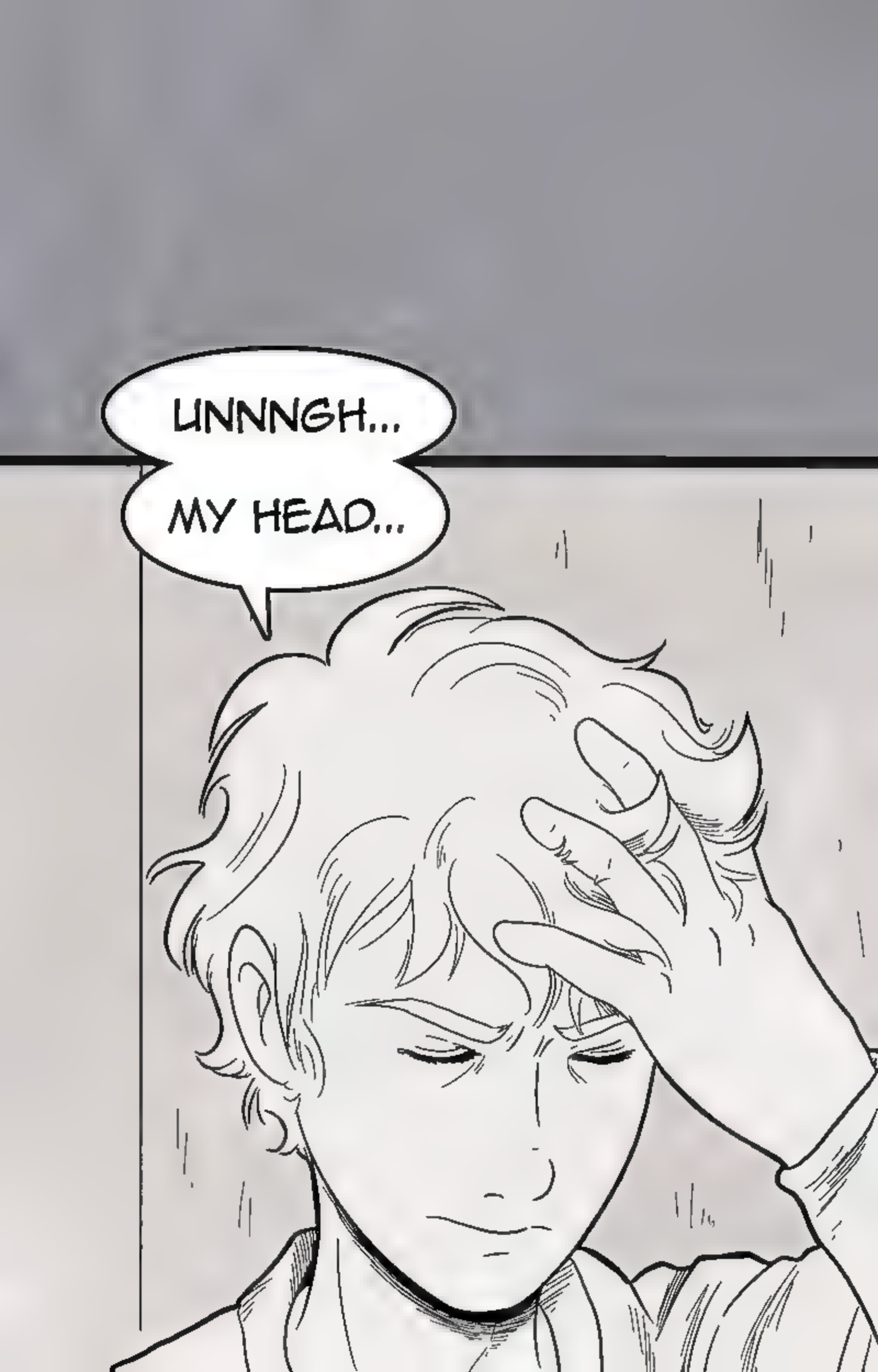
KRRRRRR





KLAK

SMASH


UNNNGH...
MY HEAD...

WHAT WAS I DOING?
OH MAN, I DROPPED MY PHONE.
SORRY, LADY.
HUH?
OH...THAT'S OKAY.

DO YOU LIVE ON THIS FLOOR TOO?
OH, UH, YEAH. YOU JUST MOVE IN?
Y-YEAH.

JUST THE OTHER DAY.

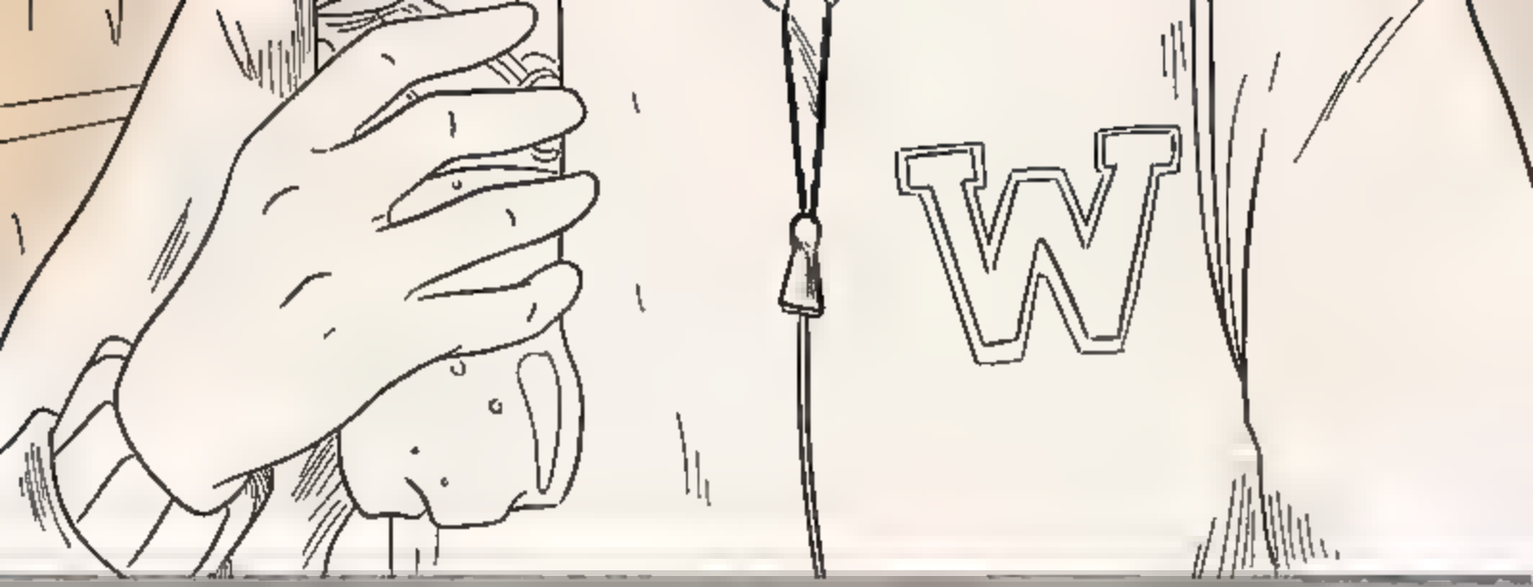
I REMEMBER HOW *EASY* LIFE
WAS AFTER THAT, FOR A LITTLE

WHILE.

I FELT SO AT PEACE, JUST...

NOT WORRYING...

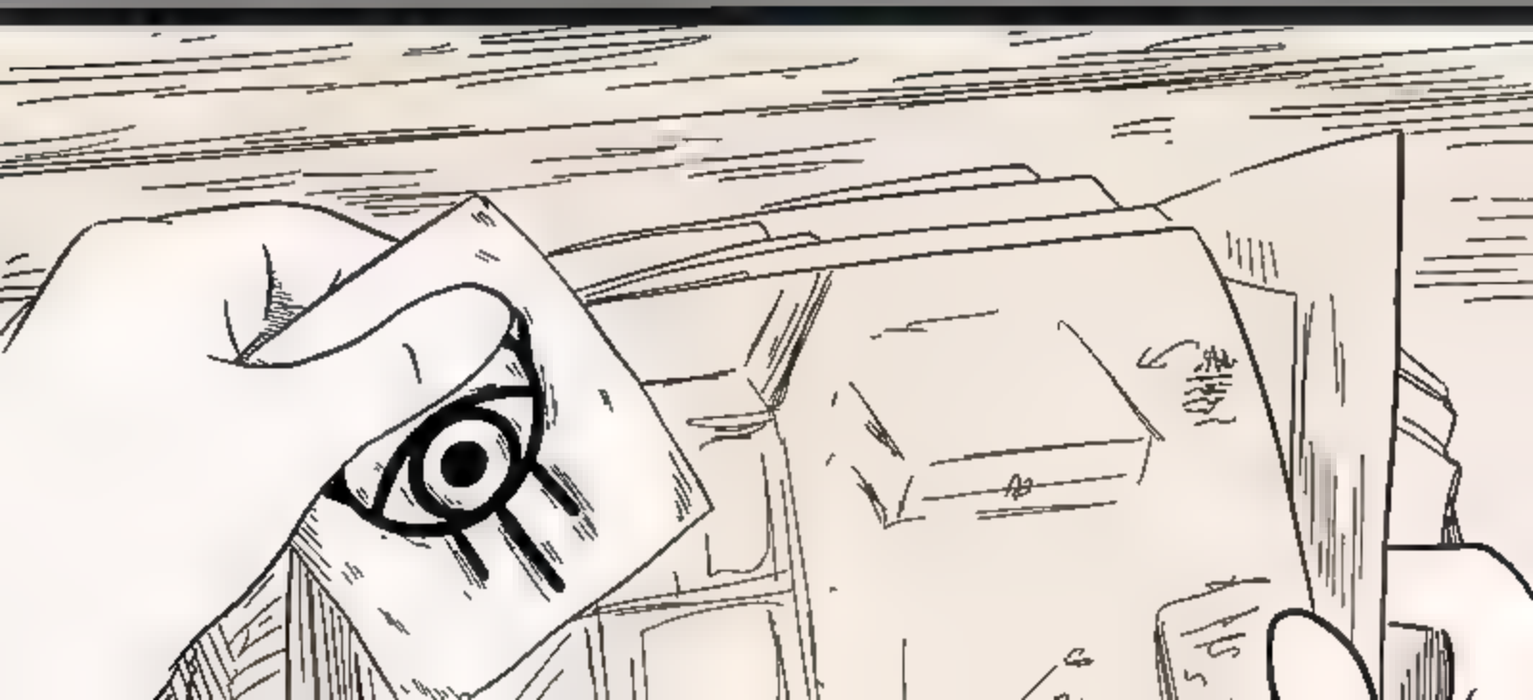
NOT *KNOWING*...



EVERYTHING MADE SENSE.

AND NOTHING HURT.

IT WASN'T UNTIL I WENT TO THE LIBRARY TO DO SOME RESEARCH...

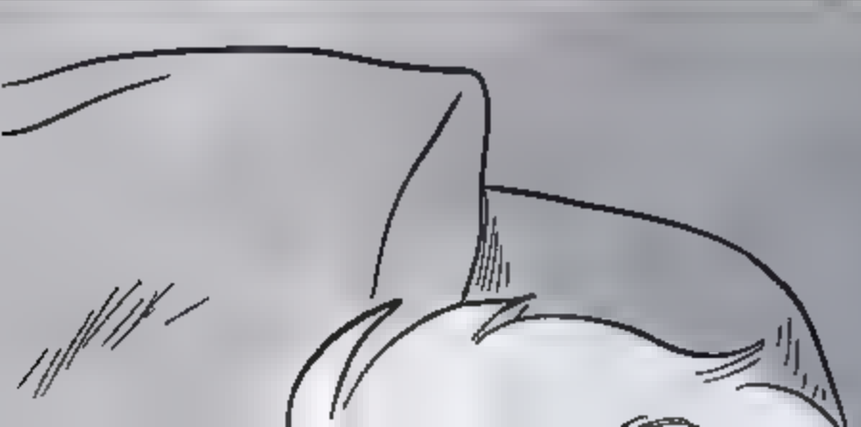


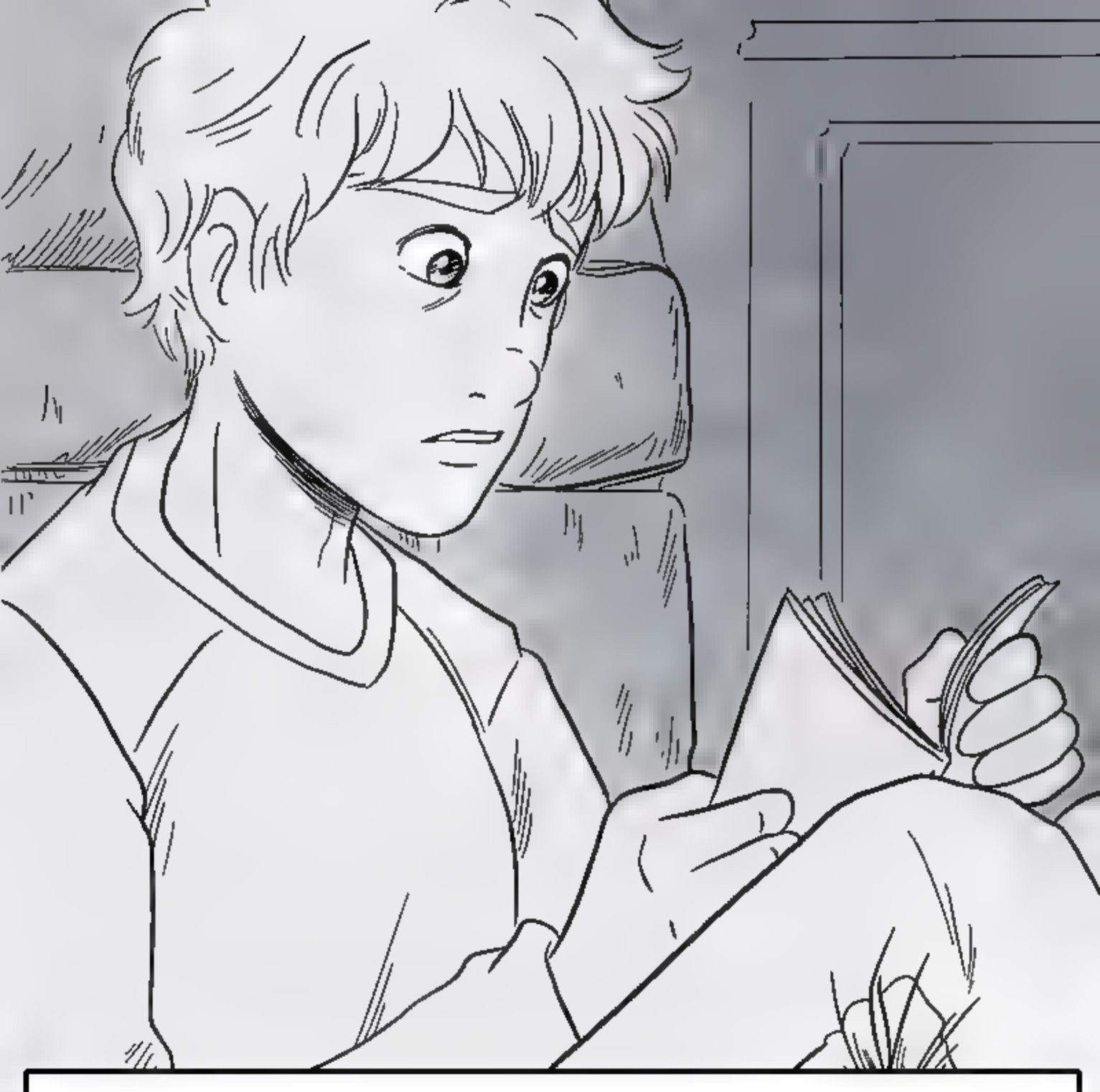
AND I FOUND THAT SYMBOL IN AN OLD BOX...

THAT'S WHEN
I REMEMBERED.

VIOLENTLY.

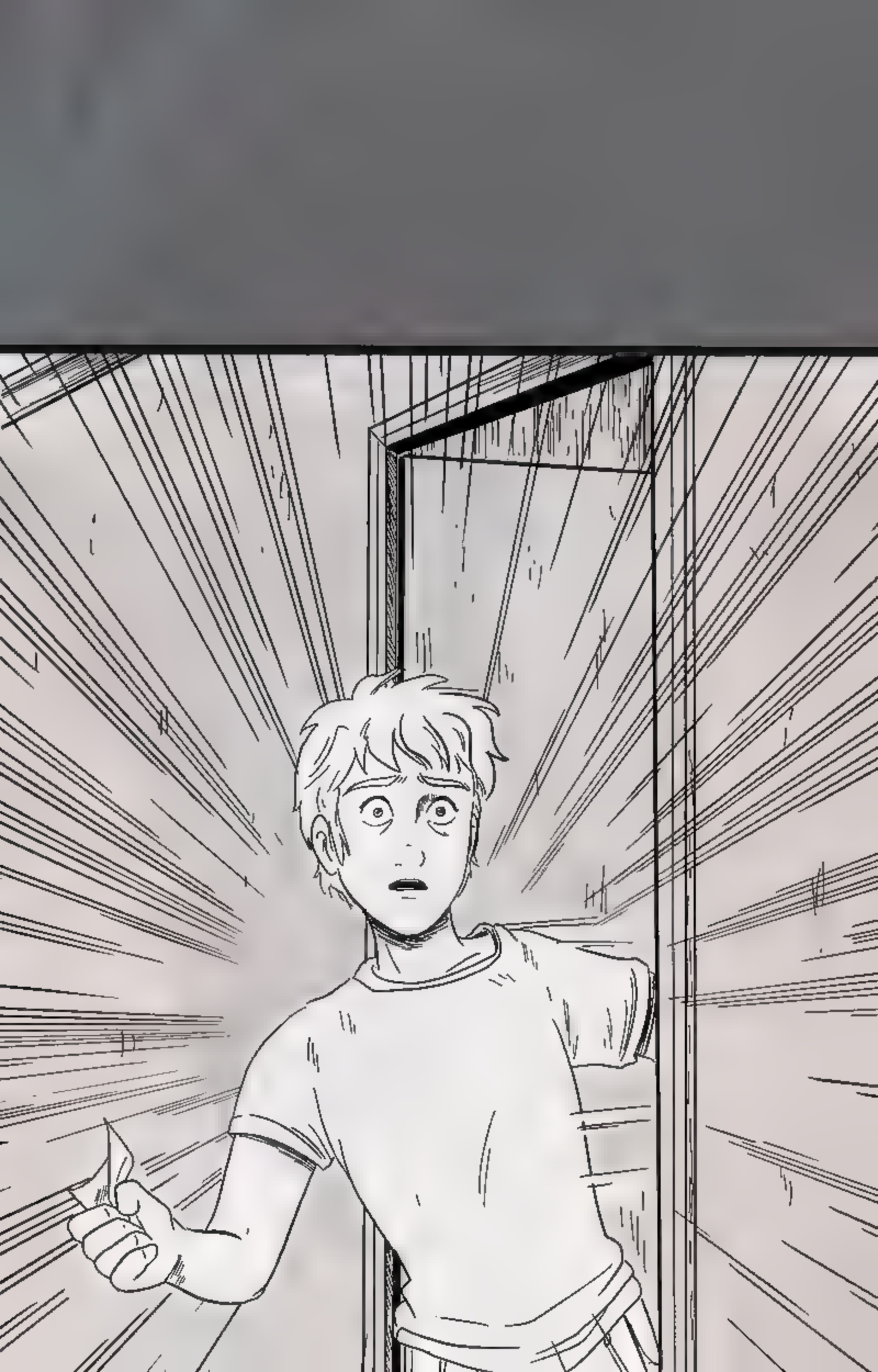
I FOUND NOVA'S OLD NOTES, AND I WENT THROUGH *ALL* OF IT.





WITH THAT SYMBOL, I REALIZED I COULD GET YOU *BACK.*

I COULD *FIX* EVERYTHING.



KNOCK
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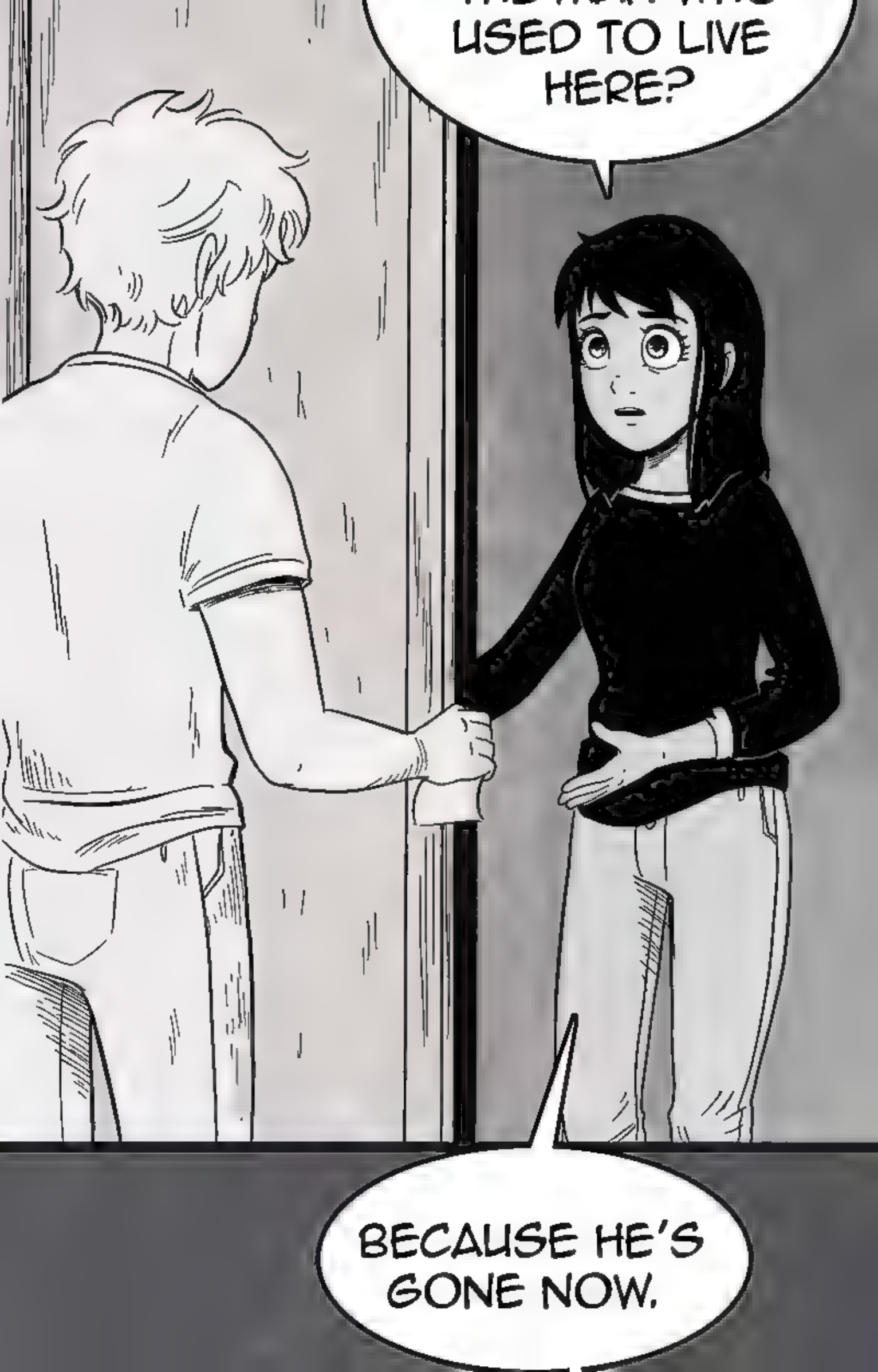
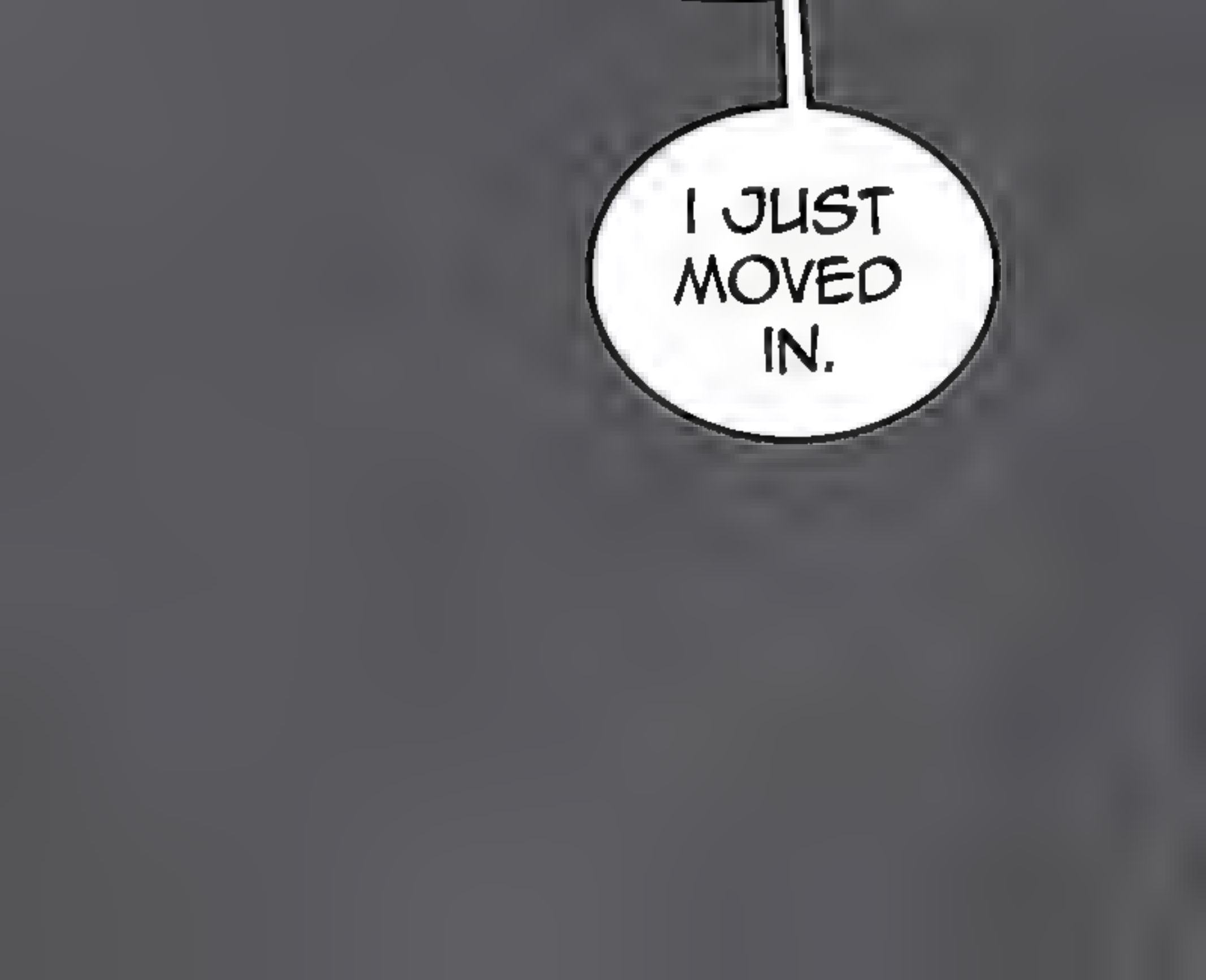
FRANKIE!

UGHHHH...
I-IT'S OKAY...
MY HEAD...

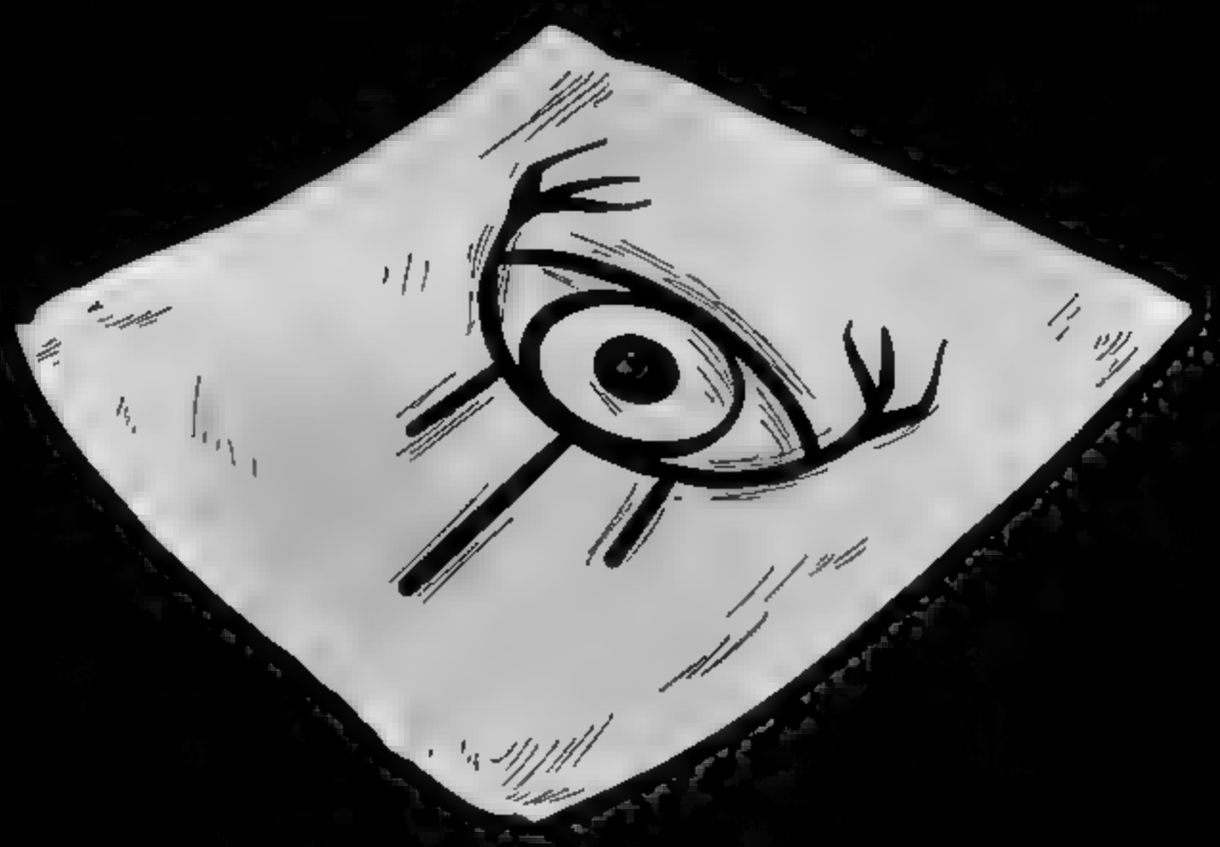
ARE YOU-
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE MAN WHO


USED TO LIVE HERE?
BECAUSE HE'S GONE NOW.


I JUST MOVED IN.

YOU WERE BACK TO HOW YOU WERE, THE DAY YOU CAME BACK FROM...

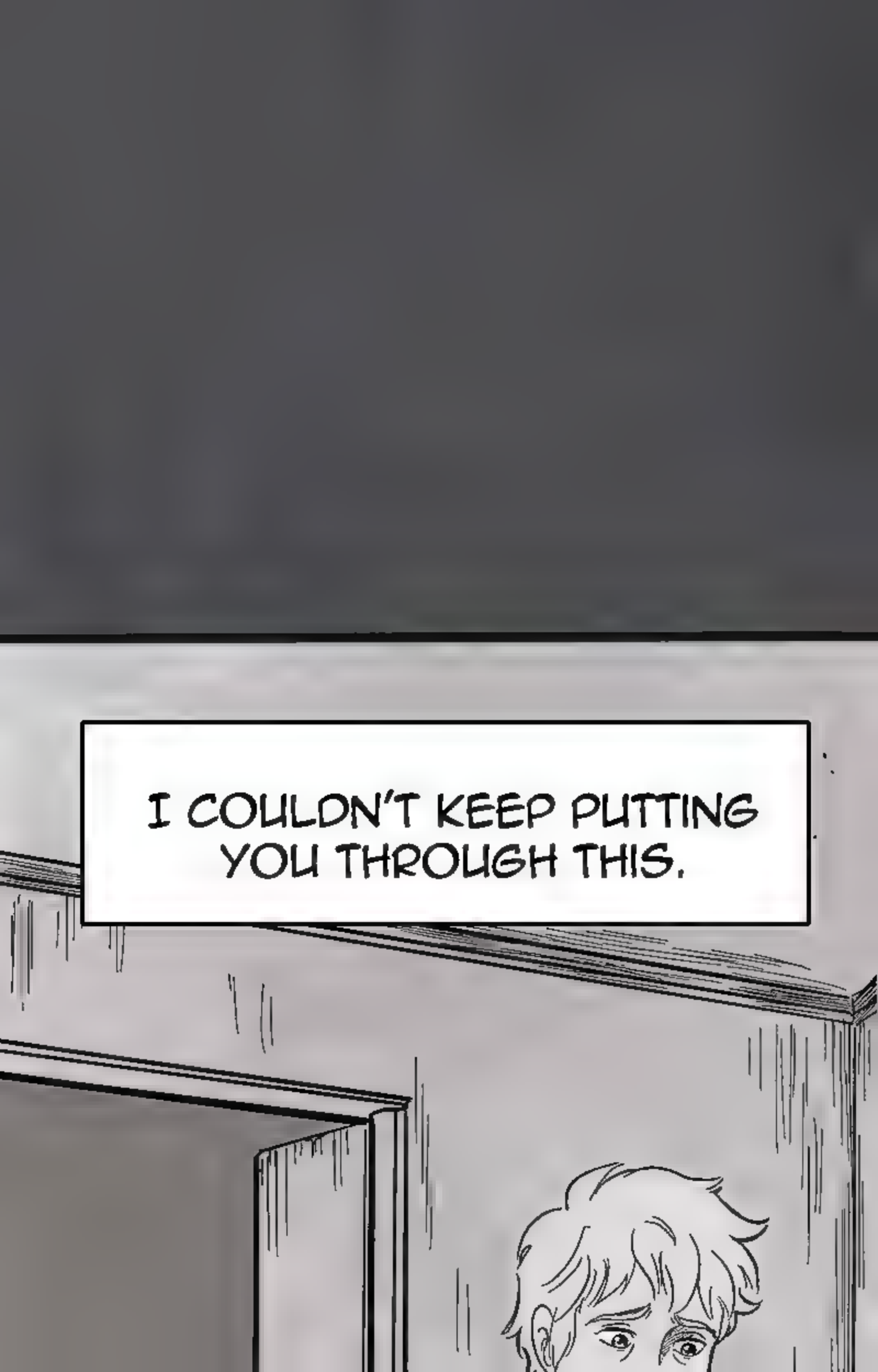
...WHEREVER YOU'D GONE THAT DAY.



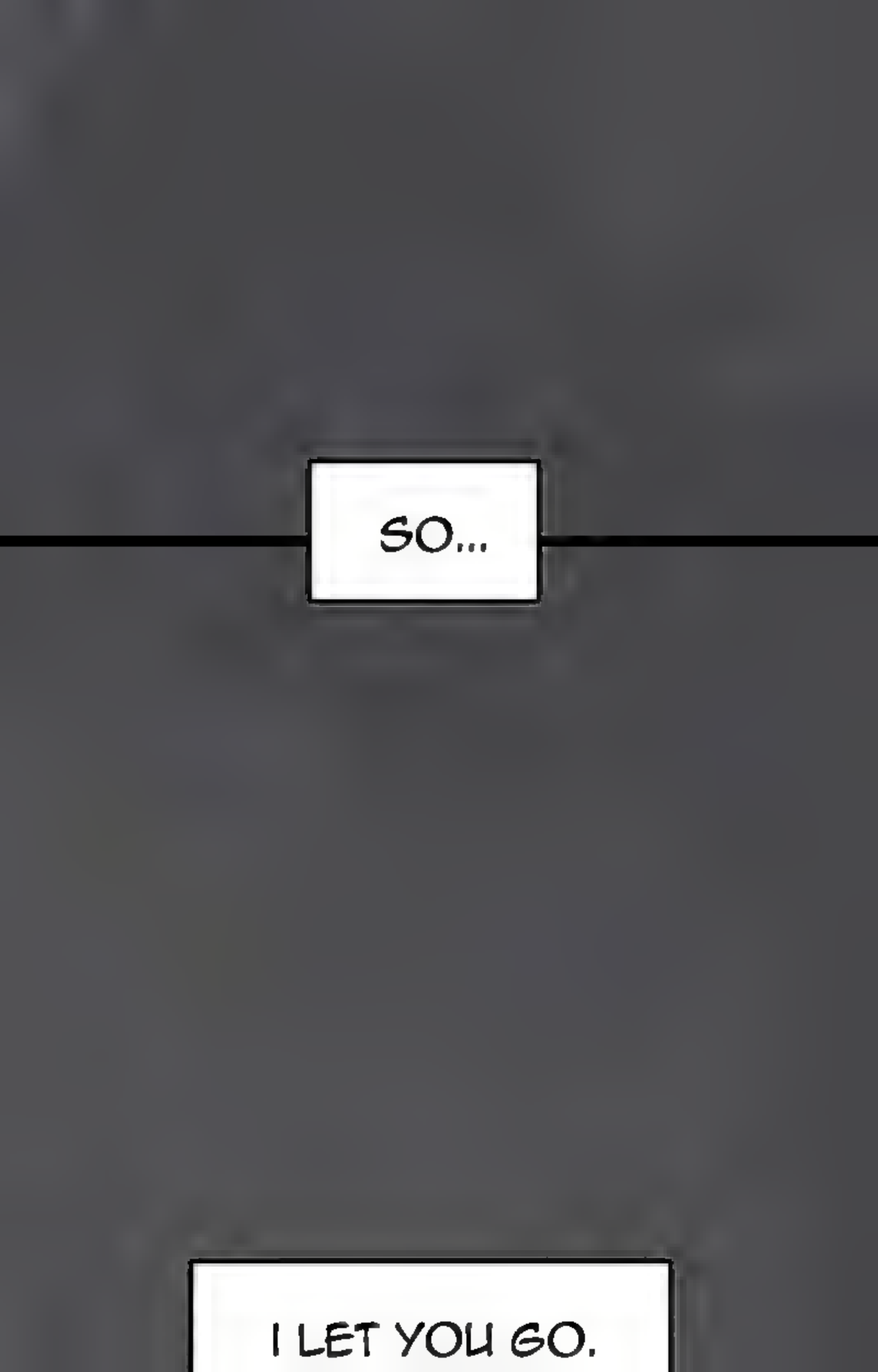
AND I REALIZED THAT IT CAN'T GIVE YOU *ALL* OF YOUR MEMORIES BACK.

IT ONLY TAKES AWAY THE TOP LAYER OF FALSE MEMORIES.

IT JUST...RESETS TO THE LAST TIME THEY MADE YOU FORGET.


I COULDN'T KEEP PUTTING YOU THROUGH THIS.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE IT WOULD DO.


SO...
I LET YOU GO.

SOON, OTHER PEOPLE WERE FORGETTING...PEOPLE CLOSE TO ME.

IT CUT ME OFF FROM EVERY-ONE ELSE.

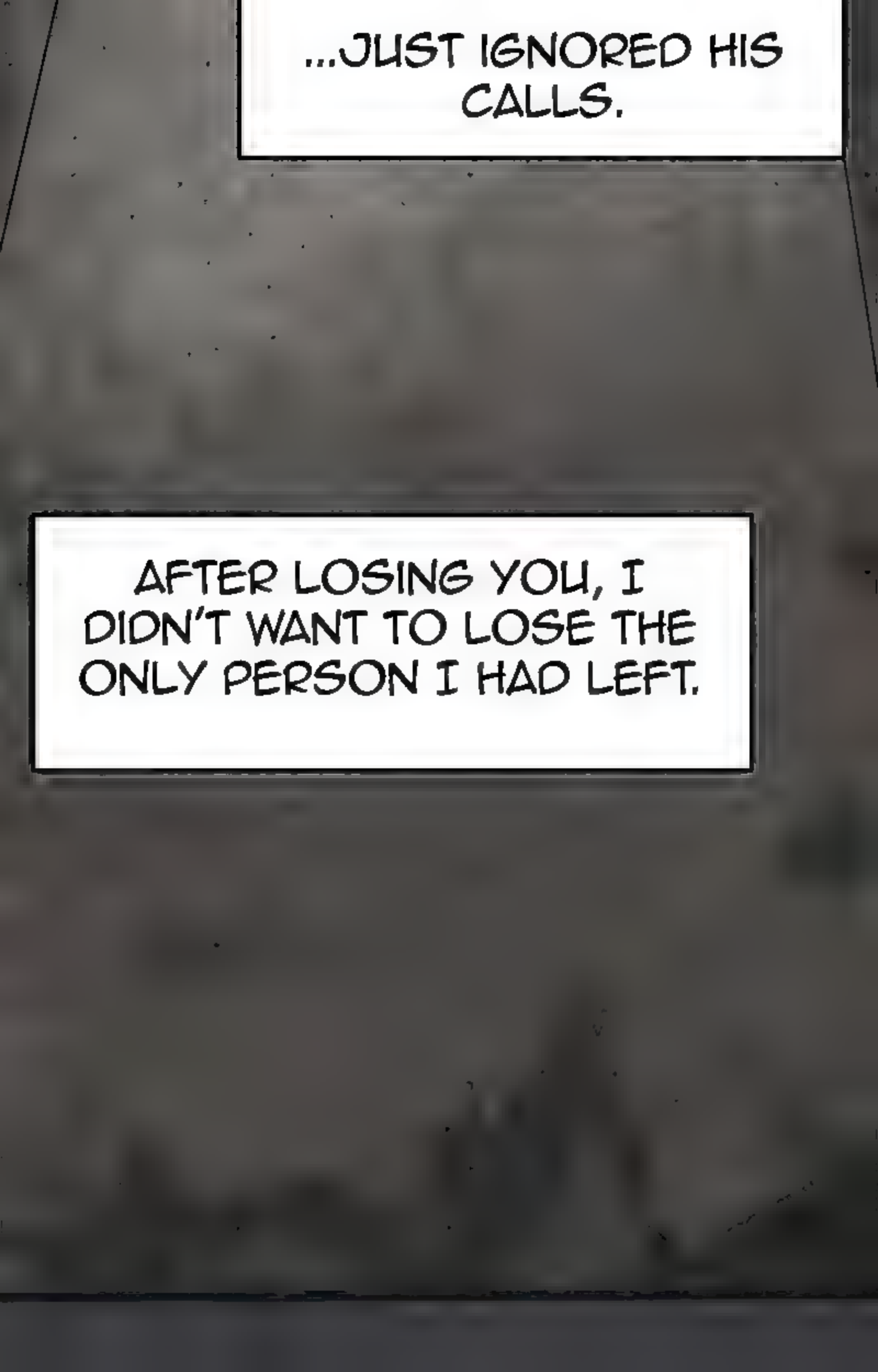
EVERYONE CALLED ME CRAZY.

AND SOMETIMES I WOULD WONDER IF THEY WERE RIGHT.

I COULDN'T RELY ON FELIX FOR HELP. I JUST COULDN'T RISK IT.

I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO FORGET ME, THE WAY YOU DID.

EVENTUALLY, I STOPPED VISITING AND...

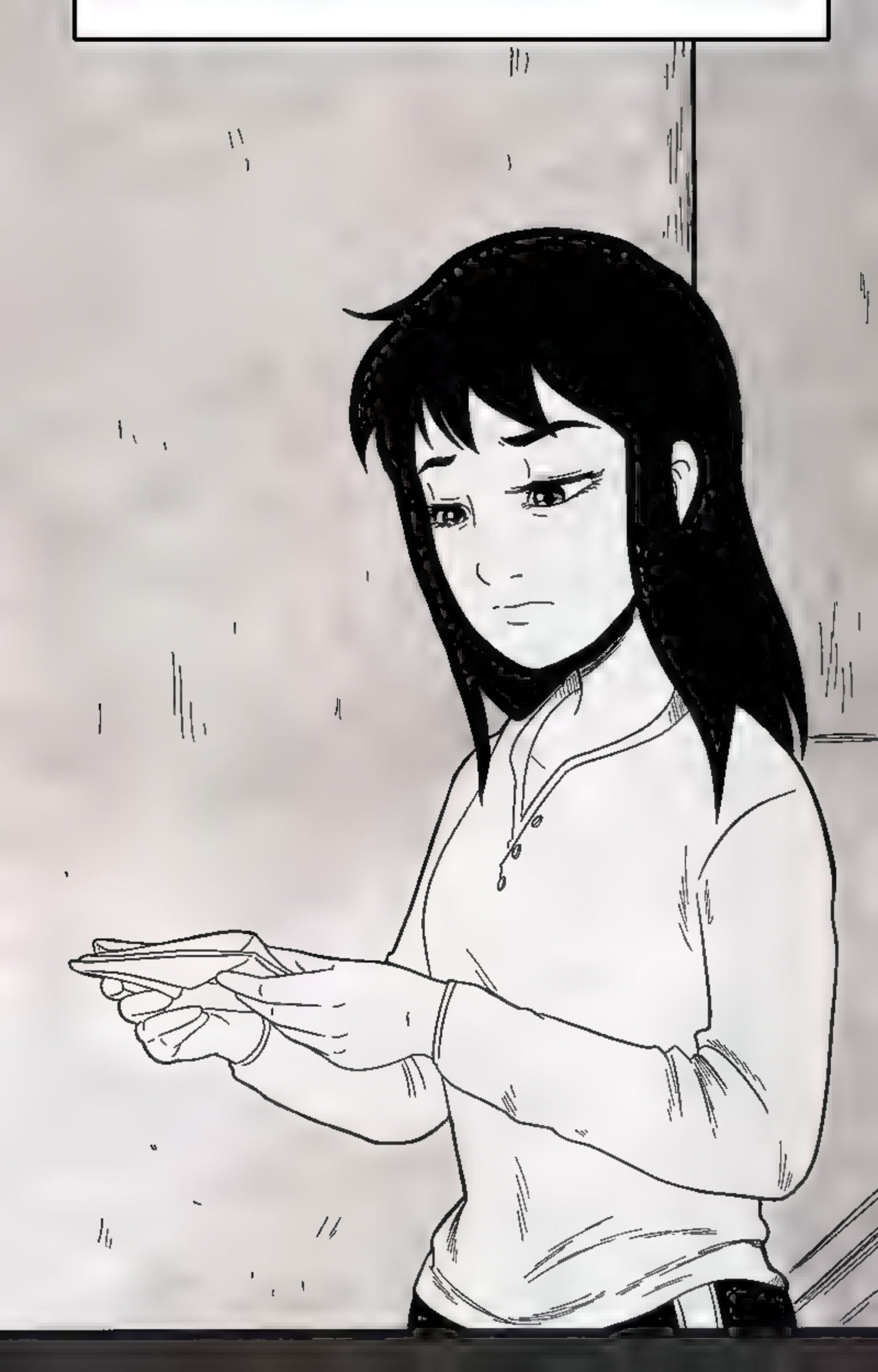

...JUST IGNORED HIS CALLS.
AFTER LOSING YOU, I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE THE ONLY PERSON I HAD LEFT.

I DIDN'T WANT *HIM* TO FORGET.

I STILL SEE YOU SOMETIMES...IN THE HALLWAY, OR BY THE MAILBOX.

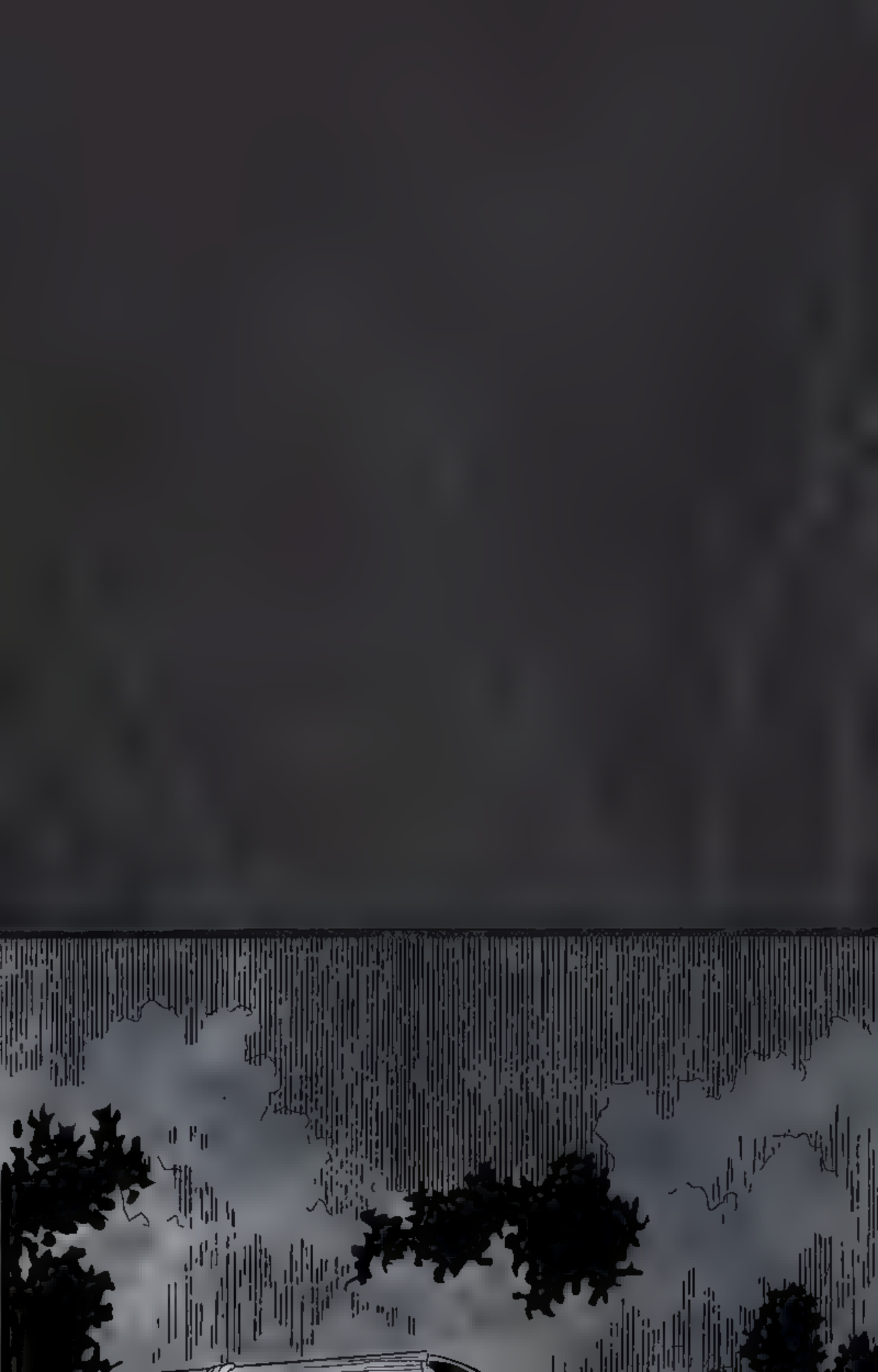
BUT...YOU'RE JUST A STRANGER TO ME NOW, AND IT HURTS.

YOU'VE GONE FROM A FUN, HOPEFUL PERSON, TO SOMEONE I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE.



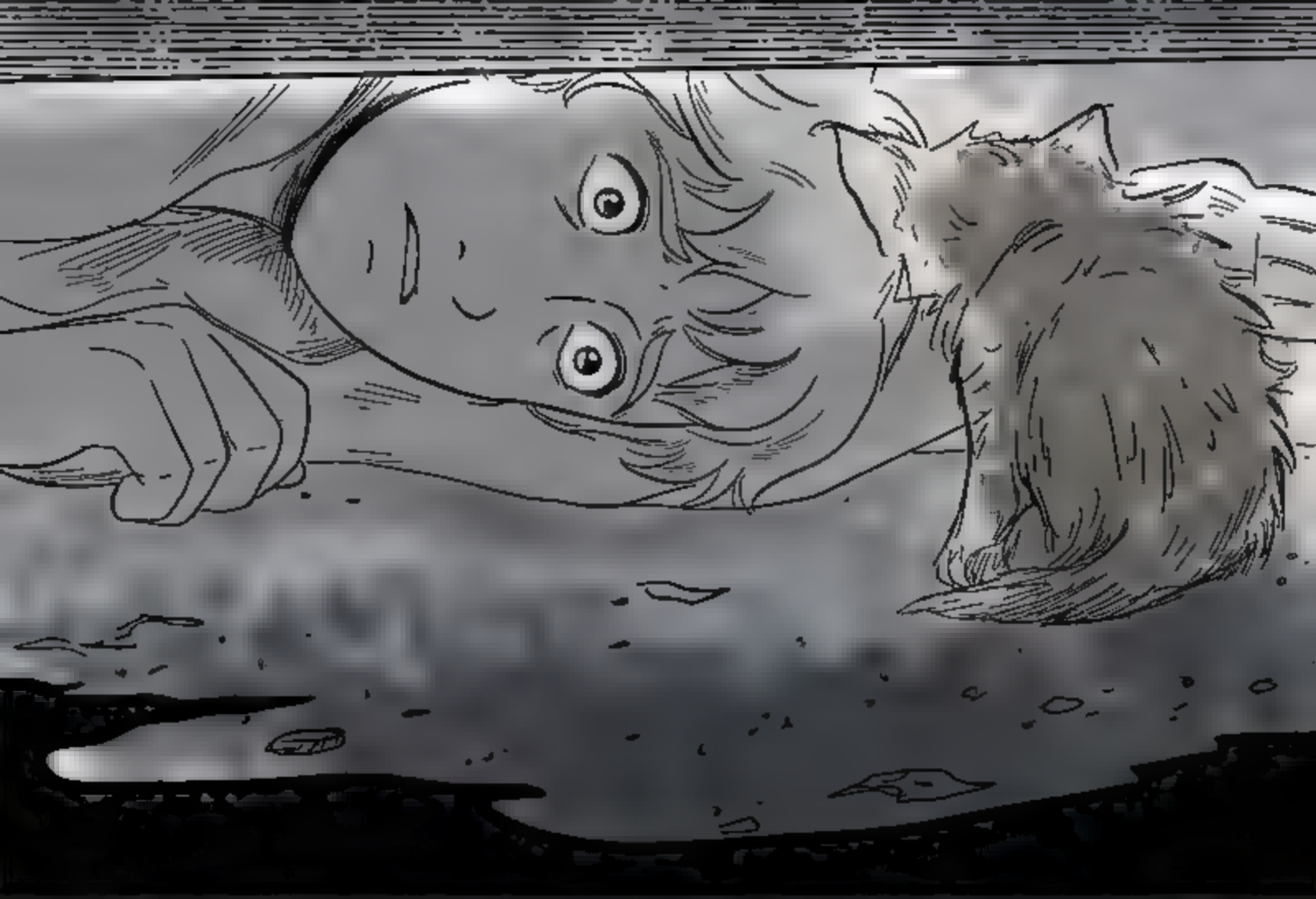
QUIET AND SERIOUS...

...AND SAD.



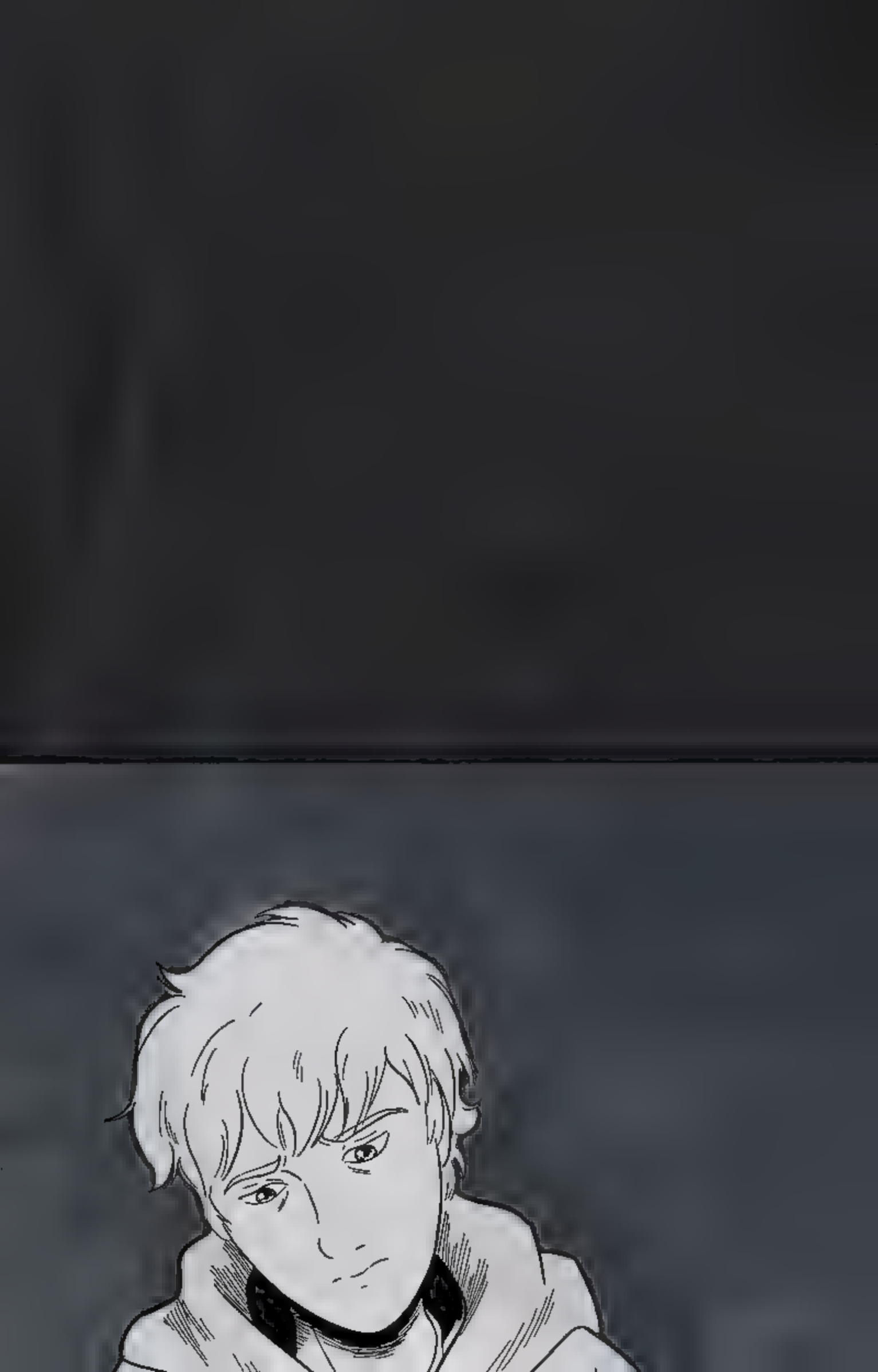
MEW...

ONE NIGHT, I FOUND A KITTEN BY THE DUMPSTER, AND I TOOK HER IN.



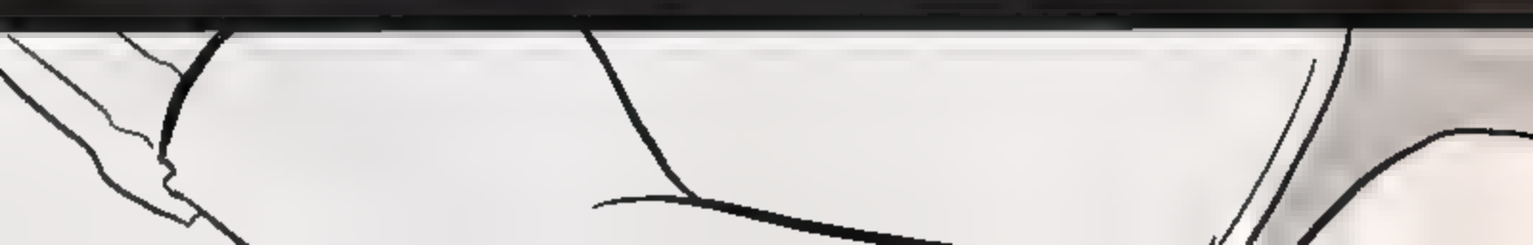
ANIMALS DON'T SEEM TO BE AFFECTED BY...

WHATEVER'S GOING ON AROUND HERE.



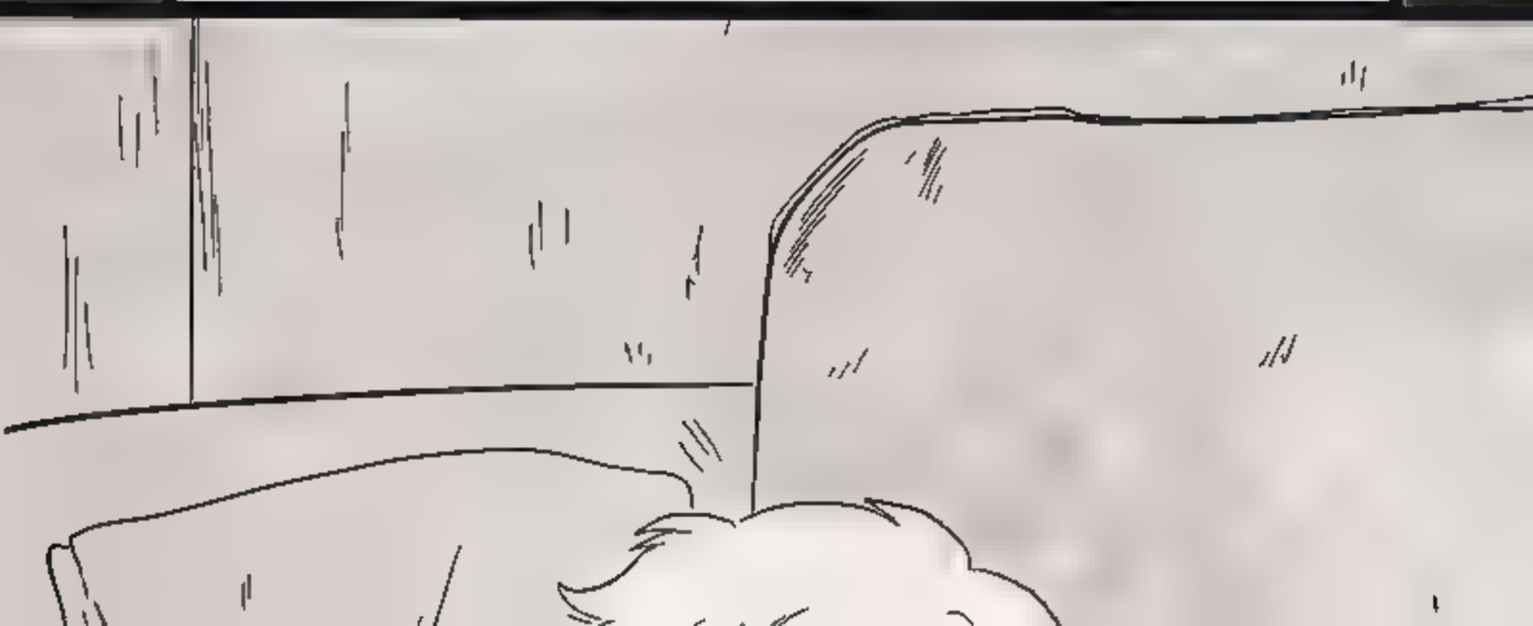
AND I WAS SO LONELY.

I DON'T KNOW HOW ALL OF THIS WILL END.



SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE I'M JUST HIDING INSIDE MY OWN MEMORIES, WRAPPED UP IN HOW THINGS USED TO BE...

....HOPING THEY'LL COME BACK SOMEDAY.



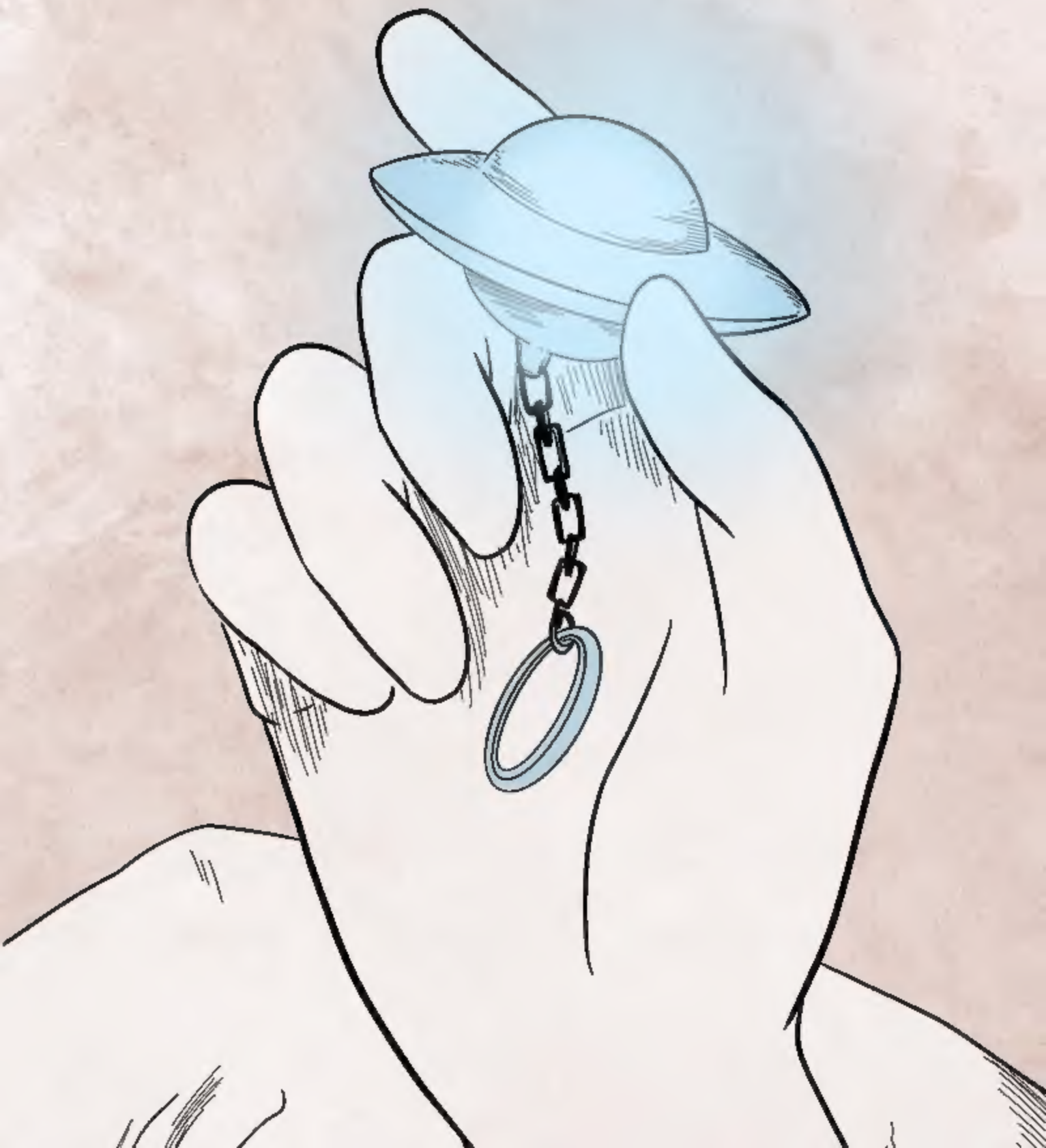
BUT EVEN IF YOU FORGET...

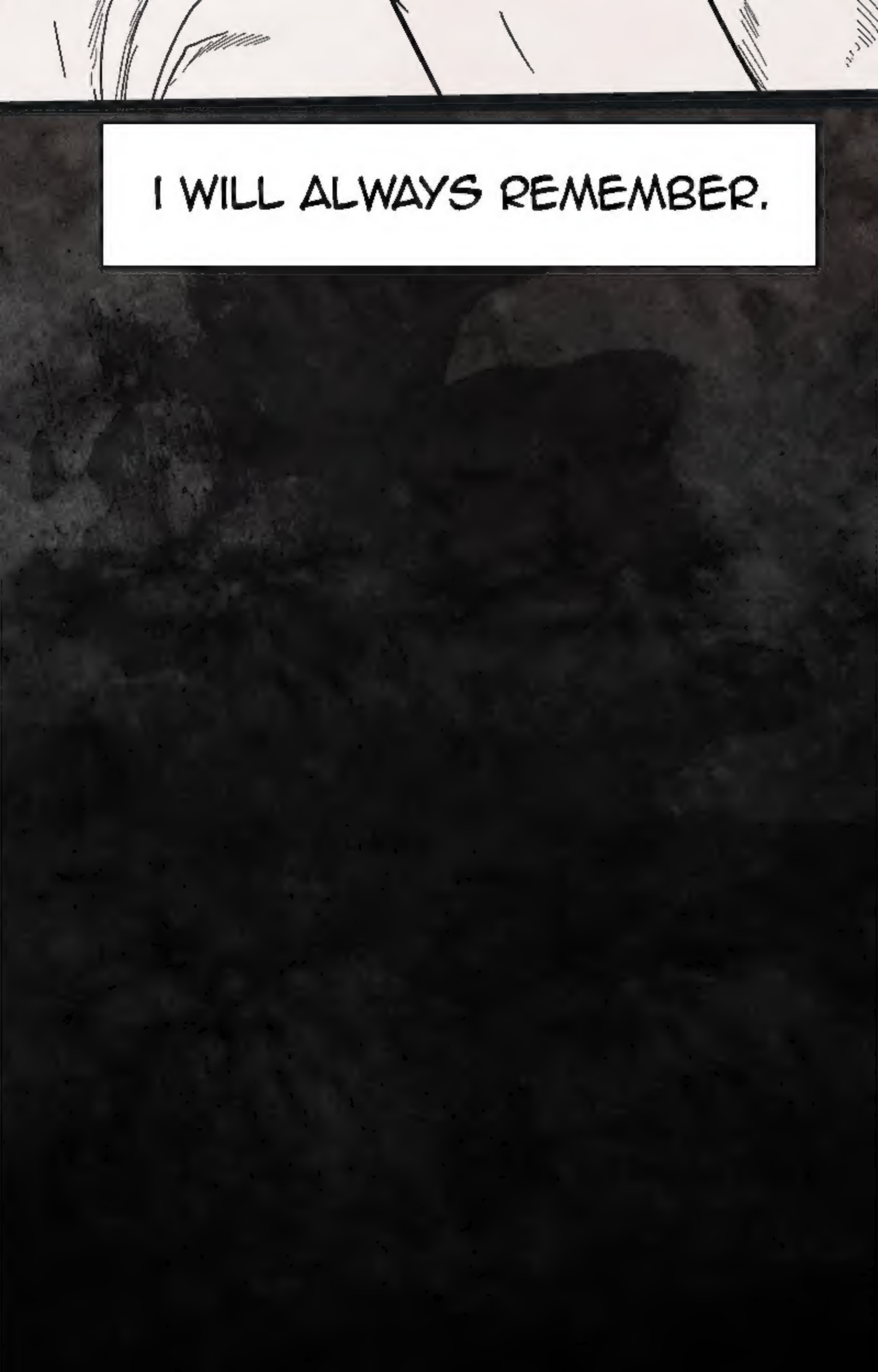
...ABSOLUTELY *EVERYTHING*...

IT'S NOT LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED.

THEY CAN'T ERASE THE PAST THE WAY THEY JUST ERASE HUMAN MEMORY.

AND EVEN IF THEY COULD...




I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

WELCOME BACK